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### ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

#### "CHEER UP AND SMILE."

A bright sparkling comedy, entitled "Cheer Up and Smile," is the main attraction of the programme now being shown at the Star Theatre. There is nothing outstanding about the picture, unless it is the song numbers by "Whispering" Jack Smith, who comes into the picture in person as the star singer of Pierre's night club.

Dixie Lee and Arthur Lake play the main characters, and a strong supporting cast includes Olga Bacanova and Charles Judels. The latter in the role of Pierre, proprietor of a fashionable night club, is intensely funny. His attractive wife, whose main occupation is flirting with other men, causes the excitable Pierre much trouble, and the audience much merriment.

Proceeding the main attraction is a featurette entitled "Forget Me Not" which would not be missed if it were not shown, and an interesting newsreel.

#### "GENTLEMAN'S FATE."

A good story, holding in itself numerous thrilling episodes, is unfolded in "Gentleman's Fate" the feature talkie attraction now playing at the Queen's Theatre. John Gilbert and Lella Hyams are the leading players, being capably supported by Anita Page, Louis Wolheim, Marie Prevost and John Miljan.

In the role of both a gentleman and a racketeer Gilbert acquits himself splendidly. Miss Hyams, who did remarkably well in "Part Time Wife" and "Thirteenth Chair," is also outstanding. Miss Page, the sweet blonde, is responsible for a large share of the success, as is the remainder of the cast. Louis Wolheim, brilliant in "All Quiet," is worthy of mention as Gilbert's brother. It is a great pity that Wolheim is dead.

"Gentleman's Fate" is a good film, and with such mastery direction it should rank high in the talking picture productions of Hollywood.

#### From Other Sources.

##### "MANY A SLIP."

What is said to be the most daring screen comedy of the season is "Many A Slip," which opens its engagement to-day at the Central Theatre. Joan Bennett and Lew Ayres are the featured players in this story of laughs and misunderstandings, and the cast also includes such well known screen players as Slim Summerville, Virginia Sale, Ben Alexander, Vivien Oakland, Roscoe Karns and J. C. Nugent.

"Many A Slip" tells the romantic story of a girl and a boy, with the girl discovering that she has fallen in love with the young man. Feeling that he has the positive ideas against marriage, and wishing to become his wife, the artful young lady allows him to think that she is expecting an interesting event—and they are married at once.

From this point in the story, complications pile up at a swift pace, and the plot is further thickened by the troubles of the house maid.

Laugh follows laugh, until the whole story finally explodes in a gale of merriment—but not until the characters have found themselves in exceedingly hot water.

##### "PLUNDER."

"Plunder," the British all-talking picture declared as an encouragement to the British film industry by His Majesty the King at the Trade Show held in London in November last, will have its public screening on Thursday at the Central Theatre.

The picture is a laugh-provoking production directed by Tom Walls, one of the foremost comedians of Britain. Tom Walls himself to-

### AMERICANS SEEK THE SPEED RECORD.

Speedboat Trophy to Be Regained.

#### BRITISH REPRESENTATION.

Speedboat stars of the United States and Europe, both men and women, will meet at Cowes, Isle of Wight, during Motor Boat Week, July 18 to 25.

One of the principal events of the week will be the race for the Detroit News trophy which was won for Britain by H. Scott-Paine at Detroit last year.

Three Americans, Commodore Aaron de Roy, of Detroit; L. Luther Brown, of Texas; and John L. Rutherford, of New York, will attempt to regain the trophy but they will be up against tough opposition in Britain's defenders amongst whom will be Miss B. Carstairs.

H. Scott-Paine and Fred White, of Lloyd's, are also, having boats built for this series of races.

The programme also includes the races for the Duchess of York's trophy for National class dinghies with "C" class engines. There are three races for each of three classes of cruise and an open handicap for all cruiser classes over a 20-mile sea course.

Other events for inboard engine boats, standard runabouts, speedboats, launches and ship's tenders are also scheduled. The meeting is being arranged by the joint racing committee of the Royal Motor Yacht Club and the British Motor Boat Club.

### IMPROVING FILMS.

Mr. Clynes Thinking About An Inquiry.

Mr. Clynes, the Home Secretary, said in the House of Commons that he had not received any evidence of general dissatisfaction with the standard of censorship observed by the British Board of Film Censors, and he was not, as at present advised, prepared to ask Parliament to consider the establishment of an official board of film censors.

Such complaints as he had received were mainly concerned with the general tone of films, and many of them admitted that no system of censorship could remedy this difficulty.

Mr. Clynes said he had recently received a deputation asking him to institute an inquiry to investigate the possibility of improving the general standard of films. He was at present considering whether such an inquiry could be expected to produce any useful result, and he hoped to reach a decision very soon.

#### WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

French women must renounce any hope of obtaining the suffrage for some time to come, as the Chamber refused by 320 to 208 votes to discuss a Bill proposing to give the suffrage to women.

gether with Ralph Lynn, another famous English laugh-maker are having the leading roles.

In brief, the story deals with Joan Hewitt, acted by Winifred Shotter, a sweet little creature of the screen, fiancée of D'Arcy Tuck (Ralph Lynn), who is being defrauded of her inheritance by her aunt Mrs. Hewitt.

Freddie Malone (Tom Walls), an adventurer, conspires burglary, in which Tuck takes part and chloroformed himself. During a melee, the brother of Mrs. Hewitt is accidentally killed.

How Malone and Tuck outwit Scotland Yard and eventually non-plus Mrs. Hewitt, restoring the inheritance to Joan, forms the last half of the picture.

Britons who like to see a comedy which is having real British taste and those who longed for a change in the Americanised screen of Hong Kong are advised not to miss this picture.

### RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.02-7.24 p.m.—Band Selections.  
His Honour, the Mayor (Mackay), Dress Parade (arr. Enriquez), International Band.  
Don Juan (Mozart), May Pole Dance (Burchenal),

Victor Band.  
Gladiator's Farewell (Blankenburg), Bells of Saint Mado (Rimmer), National Military Band.

7.24-7.45 p.m.—Organ Solos.  
My Angel (Pollack-Rapee), Out of the Dawn (Donaldson), Jesse Crawford.

Among my Souvenirs (Leslie-Nicholls), Dianne (Rapee-Pollack), Jesse Crawford.

King for a Day (Lewis-Young-Florida), Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time (Gilbert-Skillret), Jesse Crawford.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.  
7.45-8.30 p.m.—A Concert.

Violin Solo—  
Tambourin Chinois (Kreiser), This—Meditation (Massenet), Fritz Kreisler.

Song—  
Solveig's Song (Grieg), Lo, Here the Gentle Lark (Bischof), Madam Amelita, Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Piano Solo—  
Prelude in A Flat Major (Chopin), Prelude in D Flat (Chopin), Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Song—  
Voice of the Night (Lardini-Curtis), Santa Lucia, I Long for You (Mario), Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).

Violin Solo—  
Serenade in G Major (Arensky), Minuet in G No. 2 (Beethoven), Mischa Elman.

8.30-9.05 p.m.—Orchestral.  
Tales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss), The Bat—Selection (Strauss),

March Weber & His Orchestra.  
A Night in Venice—Overture (Strauss), State Orchestra.  
Light Cavalry—Overture (von Suppe), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

La Guilodrina (The Swallow) (Serradell), Apache Dance (Offenbach), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

9.05-9.45 p.m.—Variety.  
Piano Solo—  
Doil Dance, Dancing Tambourine, Pauline Alpert.

Dawn in an Old World Garden—  
Nightingales, Actually Recorded in Beatrice Harrison's Garden, Oxford, England.

Orchestral—  
Where is the Song of Songs for Me? Johnny Hamp's Kentucky Serenade.

Humorous Song—  
Blue Yodel, Jimmy Rodgers with Guitar.

Instrumental—  
My Song of the Nile, Pagan Love Song, Giulietta Morino (Violinist).

Quintet—  
The Shepherd's Serenade, Neapolitan Serenade, Victoria Quintet.

Trio—  
Oriental One-Step—Fomeen Trio.  
Accordions—  
Rhapsody in Blue, Excerpts—Fomeen Brothers.

5.45-6.05 p.m.—Instrumental.  
Viola Solo (Romanian Tale), Roumanian Gypsy Song, Lazaros Constantine.

Piano Solo—  
On the Banks of the Danube (Kurucz), John Kurucz.

Trio—  
Down in the Forest (Sir Landon Ronald), De Groot Trio.

Accordion Solo—  
Rigoletto—Quartet (Vodti), Rigoletto—Ensemble Cavotte (Thomas arr. Deiro), Pietro.

Piano Solo—  
A Dream (Cory-Barrlett), Macushla (Rowe-MacMurrrough arr. Chemet), Renee Chemet.

Violin Solo—  
Fairy Tale (Medtner), Suggestion Diabolique (Prokofiev), Benno Moiseiwitch.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

### OIL INDUSTRY.

Solving the Problem of Over-Production.

Wichita, Yesterday.  
Over 800 independent oil operators have agreed to the immediate close down of 22,000 Kansas oil wells in an attempt to solve the problem of over-production—  
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### SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

#### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Splinters,"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Gentleman's Fate."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Many a Slip."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Singing Poony."

To-day—World Theatre; "Trader Horn."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Cheer Up and Smile."

#### Home Mails.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Autolyus), 5 p.m.

Thursday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Rajputana).

#### Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

#### Miscellaneous.

July 18—Bazaar in aid of St. Paul's Hospital Fund, 10 a.m.

### WATER RETURN.

Three Reservoirs Now Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on July 1, 1931, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	7' 0" B	80' 2" B
Tytam Byewash	12' 5" B	28' 5" B
Tytam Intermediate	6' 9" B	L
Tytam Tuk	41' 5" B	24' 5" B
Wong Nei Chung	20' 8" B	25' 2" B
Pokfulum	15' 10" B	6' 2" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tytam	327.30	174.08
Tytam Byewash	7.79	3.0
Tytam Intermediate	150.78	196.30
Tytam Tuk	603.75	890.50
Wong Nei Chung	9.40	6.55
Pokfulum	32.32	52.54
Total	1,140.32	1,810.87

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1930	1931
Consumption	341.99	365.45
Estimated population	443,740	411,300
Consumption per head per day	25.7	29.6
* Includes 64.14 million gallons from Mainland.		
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June, 1930.—Constant supply during the whole month to district North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street. 12 hours supply (5 a.m.—8 p.m.) in all other districts from June 1 to 17 inclusive. 16 hours supply (6 a.m.—9 p.m.) in all other districts from June 18 to 30 inclusive. June, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

#### Kowloon.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 0" B	L
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	8' 1" B	L
Reception Reservoir	2' 7" B	1' 9" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	278.88	435.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	85.61	116.10
Reception Reservoir	28.40	28.58
Total	392.89	580.13

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1930	1931
Consumption	135.14	191.02
Estimated population	175,780	237,300
Consumption per head per day	25.6	18.7
Constant supply in all districts during June, 1930 and 1931.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall: June 30, 1930, 31.42; June 30, 1931, 36.58.		

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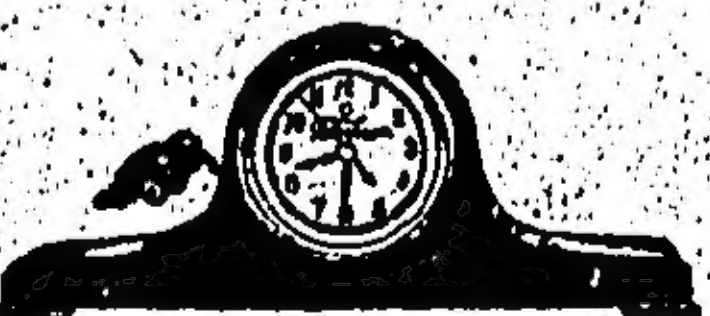
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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### SOUTH CHINA BEAT HONG KONG.

Japanese Surprised by Chinese Athletic.

WEEK-END BASEBALL RESULTS.

South China beat the Hong Kong Baseball Club on Saturday in a League match by six runs to nil, and were full value for the win, if only for the reason that they took advantage of their opportunities when they came along.

The stickwork on both sides was not much to rave about. Milton Goo held the Hong Kong crowd down to two scratch hits, whilst South China garnered five. Gilson, who started on the mound, was yanked when Matty Chang's crew had two men down in the third. Campbell relieved him, and did pretty well until the sixth, when he hit the first man up and gave two walks. Even then he might have got out of the hole, if Thach had not pulled a boner by holding the ball to let a South China player cross for the final run. However, Campbell pitched pretty good ball on the whole, after Gilson had put them just "where they wanted them" for the first couple of frames.

Erratic Pitching.

Milton Goo, twirling for South China, was as erratic as usual. He had five strike-outs, but threw some awful stuff up in between times. He gave five free passes, two in succession on eight pitched balls. However, fielders got him out of the hole there, with the bases full and two men out. In the fourth he was up in the air again, but managed to pitch his way out.

The fielding on both sides was very ordinary, and there was not a great deal of baseball brains in evidence most of the time. Matty Chang always looked good for a hit, and came across with a lovely wallop right through the centre for a classy home run. This was easily the best hit of the day, and came along in the third innings. Matty was first man up, and South China bunched two more hits, with three fielding errors, to put on another two before the procession ended.

South China started off with two runs in the first cant, looking good enough to win right from the jump. The Hong Kong boys seemed short of practice, and will do better than this when they get properly going.

Line-Up.

South China. Hong Kong.

A. Fong c.f. Thach c.s.  
C. C. Leung 2b. D. Leonard s.f.  
M. Chang c. T. Leonard 2b.  
H. Jan s.s. Zafra r.f.-c.  
H. Fong l.f. Lawrence 1b.  
C. Y. Tin 1b. Gilson p.-l.f.  
H. Young 2b. Campbell l.f.-p.  
M. Goo p. Bowker 3b.  
C. P. Fung r.f. Thompson c.

Campbell pitched for Hong Kong in the third, with two men down; Zafra catching for Thompson in the fourth, with Grover in left field; George Ng played for H. Young in the fourth; Ed Howe played for C. C. Leung in the sixth, with C. K. Leung at first base, in place of C. Y. Tin.

Score by Innings.

S. China 2, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1, 0-8

Hong Kong 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0-0

Yesterday's Game.

Playing yesterday in the Baseball League, the Chinese Athletic beat the Japanese, 1930 Champions, by 11 runs to 4. The game proved a personal triumph for K. K. Leung, whose pitching was classical. He is indeed one of the best "finds" of the season and more will undoubtedly be heard of him before the season is concluded.

### THE PING PONG LEAGUE.

ENTRIES TO-DAY.

Under the auspices of the Ping Pong Association the following League and Singles Ping Pong Championships (Open to the Colony) will this season commence early in August.

Senior League, Junior League, Men's Singles Championship, and Ladies' Singles Championship.

Entries close to-day.

Further particulars may be obtained from the China Sports Club, 18 Agutter Street.

### ETON BEAT HARROW AT LORD'S.

TWO CENTURIES.

Baker Forces Harrow to Follow On.

BIG PARTNERSHIP.

London, Saturday. Eton registered their forty-second victory over Harrow when they won by an innings and 16 runs at Lord's to-day. This is the fourteenth time that Eton has won by an innings. Last year Eton won by eight wickets.

Taking first use of a perfect Lord's wicket the Eton batsmen made merry at the expense of a mediocre Harrow attack. The fourth century was passed with only half the side out and the closure was applied at 481 for 5 wickets. A. W. Allen (112) and Hotchkiss (153) were associated in a most prolific partnership.

Harrow were forced to follow, on 186 runs in arrears. N. E. W. Baker capturing 4 wickets for 46 runs. In their second venture the Harrow batsmen found Baker in irresistible form with the ball and were dismissed for 170, Baker

### Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

FENCING—To-day—H.K. Fencing Club Meet at 5.15 p.m.  
WATER POLO—To-day—Division I—Chinese Athletic v. Division II—31st Heavy Battery, R.A. v. Royal Signals, Chinese Athletic v. Argylis, 6.30 p.m.  
Wednesday—Division I—V.R.C. v. Chinese Bathing Club, 6 p.m.  
Friday Division I—Royal Navy v. Borderers.  
LAWN TENNIS—Wednesday—“B” Division—Army T.C. v. Recreation; Craigsgower C.C. v. M.B.K. Civil Service C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.; Nippon Club v. Chinese R.C.; University of South China A.A.; “C” Division—Kowloon Indians T.C. v. Y.M.C.A.; Kowloon C.C. v. Craigsgower C.C.; Chinese R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.; Radio S.C. v. Rensselaire Indian R.C. v. University of South China A.A. v. Army T.C.; Mixed Doubles—Indian R.C. v. Ladies’ R.C.; Recreation v. University.

HOME.

CRICKET—To-day and Tomorrow—Sussex v. Essex. Gloucestershire v. Middlesex. Kent v. Surrey. Lancashire v. New Zealand. Yorkshire v. Nottinghamshire. Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire. Glamorgan v. Somersetshire. Hampshire v. Derbyshire. Worcestershire v. Leicestershire. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Gentlemen v. Players. Surrey v. Worcestershire. Sussex v. Northamptonshire. Somerset v. Lancashire. Nottingham v. Gloucestershire. Yorkshire v. Essex. Warwickshire v. Kent. Leicestershire v. Hampshire. Glamorgan v. Middlesex. Scotland v. New Zealand.

SHOOTING—To-day to Saturday—National R.A. Meeting at Blay.

ATHLETICS—Wednesday to Saturday—Army Championship.

LAWN TENNIS—Friday and Saturday—Ireland v. England at Dublin.

Friday—Inter-Zone Final of the Davis Cup.

GOLF—Friday to Sunday—Canadian Amateur Championship.

SWIMMING—Saturday and Sunday—Germany v. England at Hamburg.

bringing his total for the match to 9 wickets for just over 6 runs apiece.

Full results, as cabled by Reuter were as follow—

Eton: 431 for 5, dec. (A. W. Allen 112, Hotchkiss 153).

Harrow: 245 (N. E. W. Baker 4 for 46).

170 (N. E. W. Baker 5 for 14).

### NOTE BY "CRICKETER"

A. W. Allen opened the batting in last year's encounter and scored 44 and 5. This season he has joined the select twenty-seven players who have reached three figures in this series of matches. Allen also played in 1929, scoring 4 and 5, not out. Hotchkiss playing in his first match, had the distinction of scoring 153, which is the fifth highest individual score recorded in the series of matches.

N. E. W. Baker bowled in last year's match, bowling 15 overs, 8 maidens, 46 runs for no wickets. This year, however, he has improved

### CRICKET RECORD IN SHANGHAI.

Police League Side Dismissed for 7.

C. D. WALES RESPONSIBLE.

Shanghai, Saturday. In a League cricket match this afternoon the Shanghai Police established a record when they were all dismissed for seven runs. The feat, coupled with the fine bowling of C. D. Wales, formerly of Hong Kong, brought about their collapse, the quick procession to the pavilion creating great amusement amongst the spectators.

The police were playing one of the Shanghai Cricket Club teams, who scored over 70.—Reuter.

### AQUATIC GALA AT NORTH POINT.

Lawrence Wins Men's Open Event.

S.C.A.A. SPORTS.

What must have been a record attendance at any Night Swimming Fete yet held in the Colony, was seen at the South China Athletic Association's beach at North Point on Saturday. A good programme of events was arranged, and was carried through without a hitch. In the open events members of outside clubs were in the limelight, particularly in the Men's Open 100 Metres when V.R.C. stars were placed first, second and third. Miss Young Sau-king proved a shade too fast for her British rivals in the Ladies' Open 100 Metres, Free Style, beating Mrs. Jean MacMahon by a fifth of a second, with Miss P. Hunt placed a close third.

Mr. Ed. da Rosa gave one of his excellent diving exhibitions, and the closing item was a Water Polo match between a Services team and a team composed mostly of University Old Boys, the latter team proving too strong for their opponents. S. H. Wong was the outstanding player, and had it not been for the inclusion of L. Rosa Pereira in the Services team, the margin of defeat must have been decidedly greater. The second session saw an improvement in the play of the Services, who were finally rewarded by a goal from Rosa Pereira, the final score being 3-1 in favour of the University.

The teams were as follows—Services—Trice, Gray, Reeds, Oliver, Gray, Lewis, L. Rosa Pereira. University—S. H. Wong, S. V. Gittins, D. Laing, E. Zimmern, K. C. Chau, M. C. Li, P. L. Tan.

Mrs. Luke, after a short speech by Mr. Li Shu-lan, distributed the prizes at the end of the sports.

### RESULTS.

50 Metres Fat Men's Handicap:—1, Young Tze-sun; 2, Fun Ho-fao; 3, Tin Lap-fat.

200 Metres Team Race (Handicap):—1, Wong Sau-man's team; 2, Chan Sui-kan's team.

100 Metres—Men (Open to the Colony):—1, W. Lawrence; 2, L. Rosa Pereira; 3, S. V. Gittins; 4, Chan Ki-chung.

100 Metres—Girls—Free Style (Open to the Colony):—1, Young Sau-king; 2, Mrs. J. MacMahon; 3, Miss P. Hunt.

50 Metres (Girls):—1, Au-yung Bok-cheng; 2, Fung Fung-yee.

100 Metres—Boys' Blindfold Race:—1, Cheung Wing-kwong; 2, Chue Fook-yin.

Family Race (200 Metres):—1, Yuen Chue-nam; 2, Yuen Chau-fai; 3, Ho Wai-hing.

Men's Obstacle Race:—1, Lo Tze-sing; 2, Cheung Wing-kwong.

50 Metres Girls' Hurdles:—1, Yuen Pui-cheng; 2, Ching Wal-chung; 3, Yuen Pui-han.

50 Metres Kids' Hurdles:—1, Yuen Tze-kok; 2, Wong Kau-hong; 3, Wong Ki-san.

Greasy Pole:—Hui Cheung-fook.

Water Polo:—University 3; Services 1.

ed beyond all hopes and was responsible for Harrow's overwhelming defeat.

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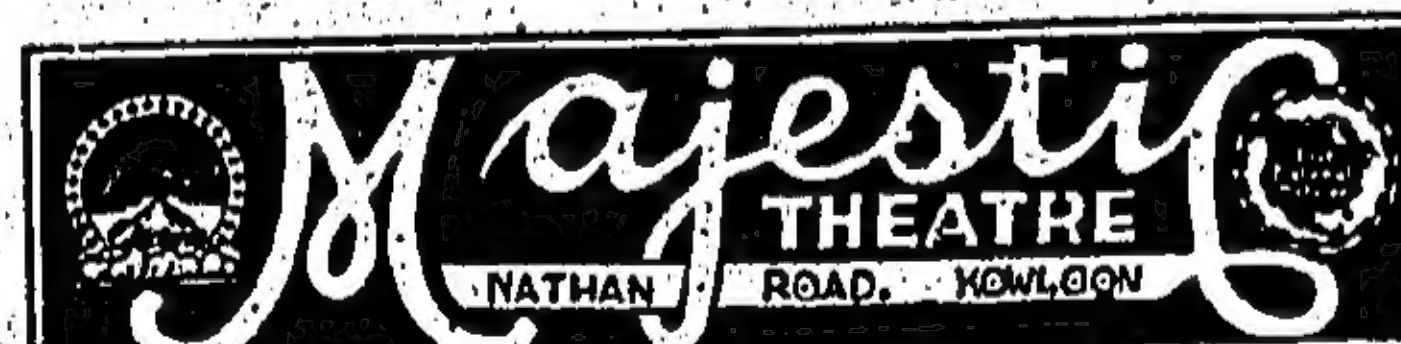
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## LAWN BOWLS RESULTS

## KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB WIN.

## POLICE DEFEATED.

## Club de Recreio Lose Both Matches.

## TAIKOO "DOUBLE."

Kowloon Cricket Club, by defeating the Police Recreation Club on Saturday, maintained their position as unbeaten leaders in the senior lawn bowls League. The Police, on the contrary, suffered their tenth successive defeat.

"Doubles" were performed by the Civil Service, Craignower and Tarkoo, the last named second team just getting home by defeating the Bowling Green by two shots, on the home green.

Luck was once more against the Club de Recreio, who lost their matches in both Leagues. Their senior team lost to Craignower by twenty-three shots, the juniors going down to Craignower at Happy Valley by three shots.

Details were as under—

## Division I.

## CIVIL SERVICE v. K.D.R.C.

On their own ground, the Civil Service C.C. accounted for the Kowloon Dock R.C. by 18 shots.

Score:		
Civil Service	Kowloon Dock	
S. Randle	W. P. Hedley	
S. E. Alderman	R. Morrison	
A. H. Oswald	J. C. Brown	
J. Gregory	R. Lapsley	
(Skip) ... 23	(Skip) ... 13	
Jas. T. Dobbie	C. Atkinson	
A. O'Brien	G. Henderson	
L. Longbottom	H. M. McTavish	
W. E. Holland	J. P. P. P.	
(Skip) ... 23	(Skip) ... 17	
F. Jones	A. Colman	
H. Westlake	H. G. Cooper	
J. Denkin	J. V. Ramsay	
J. Hollidge	F. Cullen	
(Skip) ... 18	(Skip) ... 16	
64	46	

## KOWLOON C.C. v. POLICE R.C.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Police R.C. by 8 shots.

Score:		
Kowloon C.C.	Police R.C.	
H. Hampton	T. Hunter	
C. J. Tacchi	W. Clark	
A. Hyde-Lay	A. N. Reynolds	
J. Fraser	J. C. West	
(Skip) ... 20	(Skip) ... 11	
F. Goodwin	A. E. Clarke	
H. Overy	A. R. Brittain	
J. C. Lyle	J. Orem	
J. Gibson	F. E. E. Booker	
(Skip) ... 13	(Skip) ... 18	
H. Gittins	T. Gooding	
J. A. Howe	E. J. Ellis	
J. Hyde	J. Shepherd	
A. E. Silkstone	W. Mair	
(Skip) ... 21	(Skip) ... 17	
64	46	

## RECREIO v. CRAIGNOWER.

On their own ground, the Club de Recreio were defeated by the Craignower C.C. by 23 shots.

Score:		
Recreio	Craignower	
E. L. Barros	W. T. Brightman	
P. Yvanovich	A. E. Coates	
C. E. Marques	E. el. Arculli	
L. Gutierrez	U. M. Omar	
(Skip) ... 14	(Skip) ... 26	
A. S. Gomes	F. Neves	
R. R. Roberts	M. A. R. Sousa	
L. C. R. Souza	L. E. Lammert	
R. F. Luz	D. Rumjahn	
(Skip) ... 18	(Skip) ... 18	
Dr. R. A. Basto	C. L. Buchanan	
C. A. Lopes	A. A. Razack	
A. H. Basto	C. S. Rossette	
O. Silva	R. Baza	
(Skip) ... 16	(Skip) ... 27	
48	71	

## K.B.G.C. v. TAIKOO R.C.

Playing away, the Taikoo R.C. accounted for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 27 shots.

Score:		
K.B.G.C.	Taikoo R.C.	
Howling Green	S. C. P. Amery	
A. K. Taylor	J. Young	
T. S. W. West	G. McLeod	
G. E. Roylance	J. Russell	
D. F. Warren	(Skip) ... 20	
(Skip) ... 20	(Skip) ... 22	
S. Eccleshall	T. Stainton	
G. F. Sherriff	J. Polson	
H. Nish	J. Laing	
W. Russell	N. Drummond	
(Skip) ... 5	(Skip) ... 26	
R. S. Nichol	J. Chapman	
G. J. Chambers	J. Sloan	
E. W. L. Hogbin	W. Weir	
L. Guy	J. Ferguson	
(Skip) ... 17	(Skip) ... 21	
42	69	

## League II.

## ELECTRIC R.C. v. C.S.C.C.

Playing away, the Civil Service C.C. defeated the Electric R.C. by 15 shots.

Score:		
Electric R.C.	Civil Service	
T. P. Sanderson	N. Bebbington	
W. Stoker	L. Luck	
J. R. Way	J. Massey	
W. H. B. Muskett	F. H. Haynes	
(Skip) ... 11	(Skip) ... 19	
J. Sloan	P. Knight	
F. Norrington	R. R. Wood	
G. T. Padgett	E. Holland	
A. F. Paul	H. E. Strange	
(Skip) ... 8	(Skip) ... 27	
R. C. Butler	Lockhart	
C. E. Gahagan	C. Strange	
D. S. Hill	W. Bickford	
A. Webster	R. R. Davies	
(Skip) ... 24	(Skip) ... 12	
43	58	

## CRAIGNOWER v. RECREIO.

On their own ground, the Craignower C.C. defeated the Club de Recreio by the narrow margin of three shots.

Score:		
Craignower	Recreio	
D. K. Kharas	R. Rozario	
F. K. Modi	A. E. Alves	
W. V. Field	A. V. Barros	
W. Gill	J. G. Ozerio	
(Skip) ... 14	(Skip) ... 24	
C. M. S. Alves	L. Xavier	
R. Hooper	J. M. S. Rosario	
W. Ward	H. Alves	
A. L. de Souza	F. X. da Silva	
(Skip) ... 24	(Skip) ... 16	
C. Summons	C. H. Basto	
W. White	J. J. Basto	
H. V. Pearce	F. V. V. Ribeiro	
M. O'Brien	A. C. V. Ribeiro	
(Skip) ... 20	(Skip) ... 15	
58	55	

## TAIKOO R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

On their own ground, the Taikoo R.C. accounted for the Kowloon B.G.C. by the small margin of two shots.

Score:		
Taikoo R.C.	Bowling Green	
J. Watson	H. F. Stoneham	
W. Cunningham	J. S. Logan	
T. Grimes	W. E. Hale	
D. Munro	A. W. E. Davidson	
(Skip) ... 21	(Skip) ... 13	
W. Brown	F. V. Whittia	
T. Swan	J. C. Meyer	
W. Bell	F. L. Rapley	
R. K. Duncan	V. Petherick	
(Skip) ... 25	(Skip) ... 26	
S. Hope	C. S. Beat	
J. Whyte	W. Venable	
D. Speirs	G. E. F. Thompson	
R. M. Keown	W. S. Drake	
(Skip) ... 15	(Skip) ... 20	
61	59	

## YACHT CLUB v. KOWLOON C.C.

On their own green, the Yacht Club defeated the Kowloon C.C. by six shots.

Score:		
Yacht Club	Kowloon C.C.	
A. Murdoch	J. S. Dinnen	
N. Currie	V. C. Labrum	
J. W. Bonnar	J. M. Jack	
W. Macfarlane	F. G. Harridge	
(Skip) ... 26	(Skip) ... 17	
A. Stevenson	E. C. Fincher	
Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern	W. W. Hirst	
A. T. Hamilton	A. C. Burford	
A. L. Shields	J. P. Robinson	
(Skip) ... 12	(Skip) ... 17	
E. B. Reed	W. Brace	
F. Sutton	O. B. Raven	
E. W. Carpenter	L. J. Blackburn	
P. W. Ramsay	P. T. Farrell	
(Skip) ... 25	(Skip) ... 23	
63	57	

## LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.	Shots
K.B.G.C.	9 0 0 0 562 463 18
C.C.C.	9 0 0 0 571 444 16
Taikoo R.C.	9 0 0 0 587 469 12
Recreio	9 4 0 0 510 497 8
C.S.C.C.	9 4 0 0 501 537 8
K. Dock	10 3 0 0 754 598 6
K.B.G.C.	9 3 0 0 676 559 6
Police R.C.	10 0 0 0 485 638 0

## Division II.

	Shots					
	P. W. D. L. For Agst. Pts.					
K.C.C. ....	9	0	0	3	582 488	12
Recreio .....	9	0	0	3	541 521	12
Taikoo R.C. ....	9	5	1	3	600 481	11
K.B.G.C. ....	8	5	1	2	503 433	11
C.C.C. ....	9	4	0	5	510 539	8
G.S.C.C. ....	9	4	0	5	488 520	8
Yacht C. ....	8	2	2	4	445 459	6
Electric R.C. ....	9	1	0	2	410 638	2

## "BUNNY" AUSTIN IS BEATEN.

## Perry Defeats Menzel in Davis Cup.

## BRITAIN'S WIN.

Prague, Yesterday.  
Britain defeated Czechoslovakia by four matches to one in the European Zone final of the Davis Cup here to-day.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—  
Hecht (Czechoslovakia) beat H. W. Austin (Britain) 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

F. J. Perry (Britain) beat Menzel (Czechoslovakia) 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Earlier Results.  
F. J. Perry and G. P. Hughes (Britain) beat Menzel and Marsalek (Czechoslovakia) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

H. W. Austin (Britain) beat Roderick Menzel (Czechoslovakia) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

F. J. Perry (Britain) beat Hecht (Czechoslovakia) 6-1, 8-6, 6-3.

## CHINESE R.C. BEAT RECREIO.

## Probable Winners of "B" Division.

## DEUTSCHER CLUB WIN.

The most important game in the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League programme on Saturday, was the "B" Division match between the Club de Recreio and the Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park. On the result of the match hung the probable destiny of the championship and as result a keen tussle ensued.

The Executive Committee of the Lawn Tennis Association has drafted the following by-law, which is to take immediately effect:—

"Any League match which is stopped by rain, or other circumstances, shall, if one side has not already won five sets, be considered unplayed, and in the replay, an entirely new start to the match must be made. In the event of one side having secured five or more sets at the time any circumstance prevents the completion of the whole nine sets, the match shall be considered as a definite result, and the points awarded to the side having won the five or more sets."

The Chinese triumphed in the end by six sets to three.

Results at a Glance with League Tables to date.

"B" Division.	Shots
Indian R.C.	6 1/2 Nippon C. 2 1/2
Civil Service	6 K.C.C. 3
H.K.C.C.	2 1/2 C.C.C. 6 1/2
Recreio	3 Chinese R.C. 6
University	4 Army T.C. 5

University	Army T.C.				S.			
	Sets.							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Recreio	8	7	0	1	47	22	14	
C.S.C.C.	9	5	1	0	38 1/2	24 1/2	11	
Indian R.C.	7	5	0	2	36 1/2	48	10	
University	7	4	0	3	43 1/2	19	8	
H.K.C.C.	7	4	0	3	31	32	8	
Chinese R.C.	4	4	0	0	26 1/2	5 1/2	8	
Army T.C.	7	3	0	4	28	32	6	
Craignewer	8	3	0	2	25	20	6	
Kowloon C.C.	8	2	0	6	26	45	4	
M.B.K.	5	1	0	4	11	31	2	
S.C.A.A.	6	1	0	5	21 1/2	32 1/2	2	
Nippon C.	7	0	1	6	19 1/2	42 1/2	1	

Craignower 4 Deutscher C. 5  
Indian R.C. 0 Chinese R.C. 9  
Y.M.C.A. 6 1/2 Civil Service 2 1/2  
Recreio 6 1/2 K.C.C. 2 1/2

Chinese R.C. 9 8 1 0 61 10 17  
Recreio 9 8 1 0 66 21 17  
S.C.A.A. 7 6 0 0 46 17 12  
Y.M.C.A. 9 6 0 0 34 33 12  
Indian R.C. 0 4 1 0 38 42 9  
University 6 4 0 0 25 19 8  
H.K.C.C. 7 4 0 0 32 28 8  
Kowloon C.C. 8 4 0 0 34 33 8  
Army T.C. 6 3 0 0 32 28 6  
Radio S.C. 6 2 2 0 25 35 3  
Deutscher C. 6 1 1 0 18 35 3  
Craignower 7 1 0 0 16 40 2  
C.S.C.C. 7 0 1 0 21 42 1  
K.I.T.C. 8 0 1 0 18 54 1  
Graduates A. 4 0 0 0 4 28 0

## CANTON NAVY BEAT HONG KONG SIDE.

## CLOSE ENCOUNTER.

## Chinese Athletic Prepare for Java Tour.

## ARMY DEFEATS.

The Chinese Athletic Stadium at North Point was daily decorated on Saturday with bunting and flags for the first Naval Inter-Port between the British Navy stationed at Hong Kong and the Canton Chinese Navy, the winners of the Canton Chinese League. Owing to most of the fleet being up at Wei-hai-wai the British Naval team was not at full strength although the majority of their team consisted of players from last year's "A" and "B" teams. The Chinese, on the other hand, were at full strength and had the assistance of several former Chinese Athletic players who have recently joined the Canton Navy.

British Weakness.  
The British Navy were the first to get to business, Wyatt started a very nice forward movement but when well placed in front of goal sent behind. The Chinese Naval right wing, who was the fastest man of a very fast team, made a quick run down and centred well but Savage cleared. The British Navy were pressing, very heavily at the time but were weak in front of goal.

Vaughan put in a nice shot but Chui Han, the Chinese goalie had no difficulty in saving. Leung Tat Wing who was playing inside left, obtained possession in his own half, and made a spectacular run down the field, beating both Navy backs and looked certain to score. Savage was not to be beaten. Diving full length he managed to save the fine shot that Leung sent in. This save was the best of the match, and Savage was loudly applauded.

Face Slackens.  
The game had gone about 25 minutes and the Chinese players seemed to be tired, the British players seemed to be lasting better. Play was much slower.

Just before half time Wyatt sent in a good shot. Chui Han got his hand to the ball, but was unable to save. The British Navy were having matters their own way now, with the Chinese hard pressed.

On the resumption Leung Tat-wing took the ball well down the field to send in a good shot. Savage ran out to save, and Mowbray tried to head clear, but instead sent it into his own goal, giving the Chinese the equaliser.

The Chinese a little later had a goal disallowed owing to Leung Tat-wing being offside. The Canton Naval team were all over the British players.

## Penalty Goal.

The British backs were being hard pressed now and Carter, who had been playing a fine defensive game, handled, in clearing in the penalty area. Chuck Kwok-kwong, the Chinese centre, made no mistake, giving the Chinese Navy the lead.

Branch then made a good effort and sent in a fine high shot but it hit the corner post and went behind. Leung Tat-wing tried hard to score again but after a good run down he shot into Savage's hands. The British Navy tried hard to even matters in the last few minutes but without success, the whistle blowing with the Chinese Canton Navy winners by two goals to one.

## Result:—

Canton Naval Team ... 2

British Naval Team ... 1

The teams lined up as follows:—

British Naval Team—Savage, Carter, Mowbray, Robertson, Whiner, Kearney, Vaughan, Shand, Wyatt, Bennett, Branch.

Chinese Canton Naval Team—Chui Han, Lai Yuk-tat, Wong Tin-fan, Wong Wing-hong, Wong Shui-wah, Lam Yuk-hu, Lai Chai-chee, Leung Tat-wing, Chuck Kwok-kwong, Ko Wai-tit, Wu Tin-po.

Referee: Mr. Darlington.

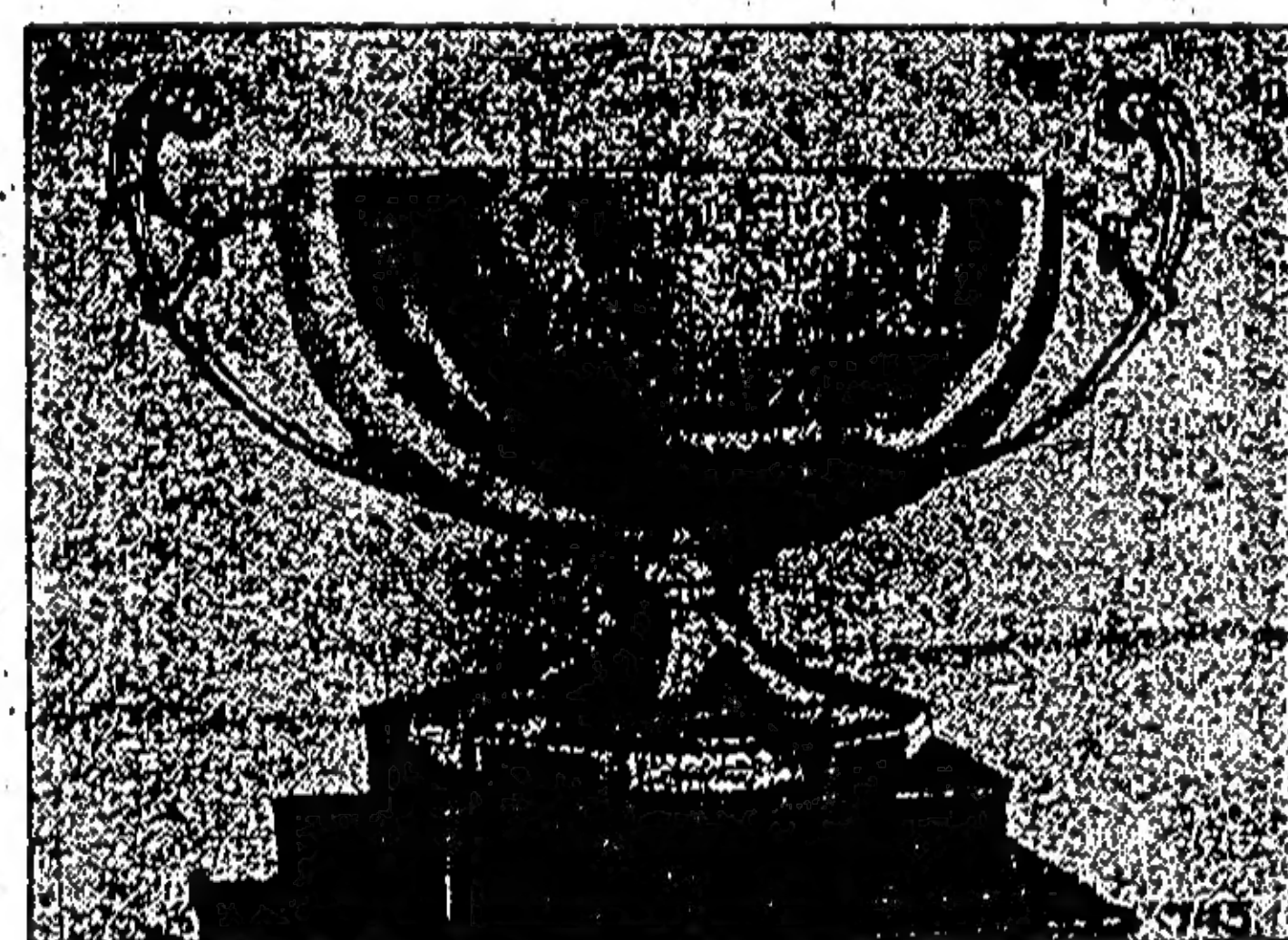
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The Army ... 4

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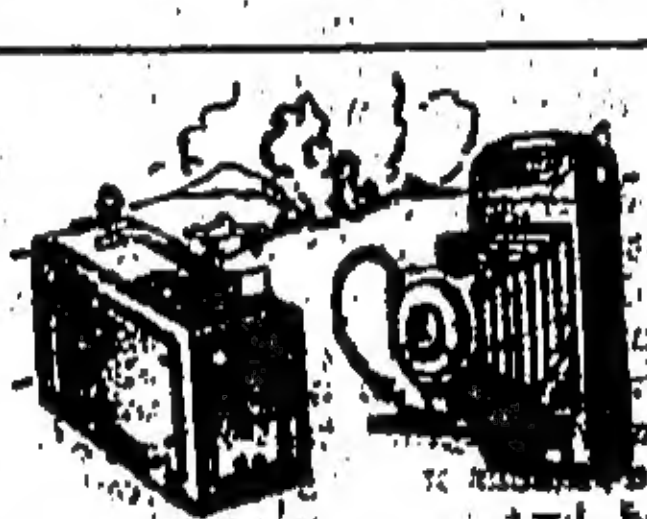
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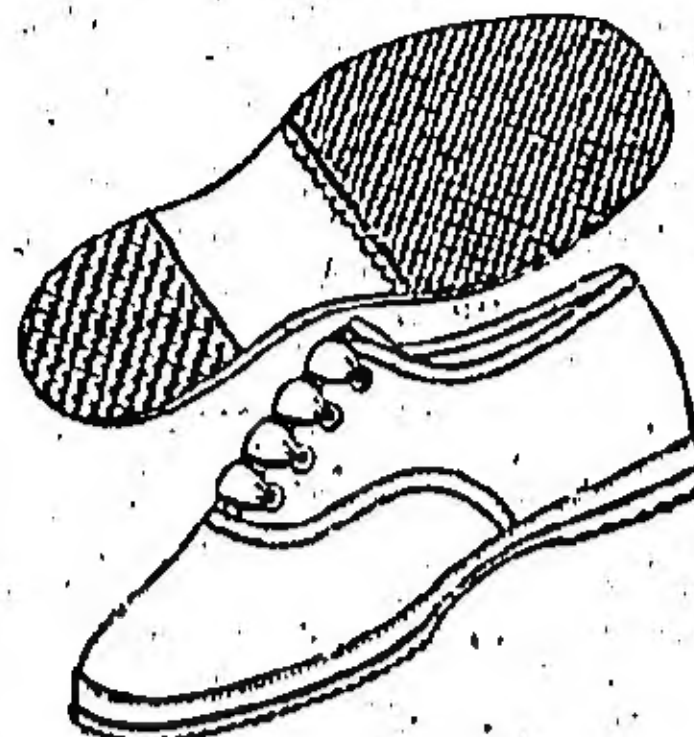
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### DEATHS.

**ADAMSON.**—On May 30, 1931, at "Ardmore," Godelphn Road, Weybridge, Alice, the beloved wife of William Adamson, aged 69.

**MACNIDER.**—At the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday, July 12, 1931, Mrs. Lena MacNider. Sadly missed. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. W. A. Hannibal and Mr. Slade desire to thank sincerely all friends who sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes and all who attended the funeral of Mr. W. A. Hannibal.

Hong Kong, Monday, July 13, 1931.

### "Peace Rally."

What has been described by the British Prime Minister as a unique gathering in support of one of the greatest causes that has ever enlisted the support of the people was held in the Albert Hall, London, on Saturday. There was some sound sense expressed—and, of course, a great deal of ardent nonsense. The vast majority of us to-day are ardent pacifists. None of us wants to see another world war. The Prime Minister, sane than usual on this question, did well to state that alone one nation can pioneer, but alone one nation can not attain. Security rests—to a degree—not in arms but in preventing causes which hitherto have led to war from developing into war. More than that, with all due deference to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, there is little use in Britain reducing naval, military and air armaments and personnel almost wholesale, while other nations are strengthening

their offensive and defensive forces. That is the great danger to which Great Britain is exposed to-day.

The Conservative ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, rightly pointed out that many people do not realise what the British contribution to disarmament has been. With the advent of aerial warfare British insularity had gone for ever, yet after the war we virtually scrapped our Air Force, reducing 3,000 machines to 300 and disbanding nineteenth parts of the personnel. The same policy has been followed in respect of our Navy. The agitators for international disarmament will not or cannot see that the case of Britain in respect of the Navy is entirely on its own. There can be no possible comparison with the needs of the British Navy and those of the Navy of any other great Power. Until this is fully realised—by British statesmen and politicians and by the statesmen and politicians of other nations, the Disarmament Conference will be doomed to failure.

There have been too much of what Mr. Ramsay MacDonald calls sentiment and piety already clouding the issue of international disarmament. In the matter of protecting Britain's overseas possessions and of safeguarding their trade routes in peace as well as in war there can be no room for sentiment or piety. What will profit still further concessions on the part of Great Britain if other nations cannot respond in proportion to their importance on the map of the world? There lies the whole crux of any Disarmament Conference either next year or next decade, and no amount of demonstrations, processions, and speeches in London can alter that fact.

### News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of typhoid fever was notified over the week-end.

The opening of the new building of the National City Bank of New York at No. 2 Queen's Road Central will take place on Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

When the S.S. Empress of Japan arrives from Manila at 10 a.m. on Thursday, she will go into dry dock at the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock for painting.

Amongst passengers of the S.S. President Garfield who disembarked in Hong Kong on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Hoogenstaeyn of Holland. They are making a combined business and pleasure trip. Mr. Hoogenstaeyn is being inspected by Agents for the Netherlands Trading Society.

To-morrow, the French National Holiday, the French Consul-General will be at home at the Consular residence, 13 Peak Road, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 73 degrees. The humidity was 76 at 10 a.m. and 86 at 4 p.m. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the rainfall was 0.57 inch.

### MRS. L. MACNIDER.

#### Death of a European Lady.

Mrs. Lena MacNider, widow of Mr. S. C. MacNider, formerly manager of the Eng. Hok Fong S.S. Co., (who died in 1915), died at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon, following a short illness. The deceased lady, who had been suffering from heart complaint for some time, became seriously ill on Saturday morning and was taken to hospital. She became worse yesterday and death intervened.

She is survived by three children, Gladys, Stanley, and Eric, and much sympathy will be felt for them as well as for Mrs. MacNider's sisters and other relatives in their sad bereavement. The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.15.

### PRAYING MANTIS.

#### A Sportsman-Like Insect.

#### ATTITUDE OF PIETY.

Should not the praying mantis be really called the preying mantis, was a question asked him, said Mr. G. M. R. Henry, in a lecture on the "praying mantis," before a meeting of the Ceylon Natural History Society held recently in the reading room of the Colombo Museum.

The mantis, he said, had been given that name not because of its predaceous nature but because it assumed an attitude of piety. So much so that in some countries they were objects of superstitious veneration.

Illustrating his lecture with lantern slides on the general points of the mantis, the lecturer said that it had a mouth of biting type as distinct from the suction type such as that of the mosquito. While some other insects produced a musical noise by rubbing together their bodies and their wings, the mantis was not a musician at all, the noise produced being somewhat like the hiss of a snake. In Malaya they were brilliantly coloured, in metallic blues and greens. The local ones were coloured, green, brown, and grey, for the purpose of concealment. They had large compound eyes and had a very intelligent look about them. They also had three small eyes between the two larger eyes. It was frequently stated that flies had millions of eyes but it was really one eye with a large number of facets which went to form one single eye.

Its antennae vibrated so quickly that only a blur could be seen. These took the place of its nose. It had a double series of strong spines on the femur of its forelegs which was an efficient implement for it to seize its prey with. The mantis covered up its eggs with an alternate series of mucus which protected them from ordinary enemies but was sufficiently porous to enable air to go through. It killed its prey for food and dispatched its victim in a neat and sportsmanlike manner. They were divided into three main groups, the twig mimics, the leaf and flower mimics and the bark and lichen mimics.

The mantis was not of any immediate direct use to man but helped to maintain the balance of nature, preying on other insects. While it is waiting, the paper gets itself stamped, gummed, and licked, and then, as the tobacco passes through a narrow tube, it leaps out and coils itself round it. The whole thing would now emerge as one continuous cigarette ("rejects" from this machine are sometimes many yards long) were it not cut up eleven hundred times a minute into cigarettes. "Once cut up and shot out," the cigarettes are gathered and weighed—no, not separately—and passed to another machine where, in twentys, or it may be in tens, they are automatically wrapped in tin foil, and thrust into their little boxes, which another machine nearly fits together in the nick of time to close round them.

### DRIVING CAR AT 16.

#### "Not to Blame" for Death of Boy.

At an inquest at Hendon on Frederick John Wells, aged 9, of Lawrence Street, Mill Hill, who was fatally injured by a car at Hendon Central while returning from school, the driver of the car, Robert Anthony Harley, of Vivian Avenue, Hendon, told the coroner that his age was 16.

He had been a motorist since November last and had a clean licence. The car involved was not his own, but he had had permission to use it. He was not out on a joy ride, but on business, for his motor. The jury found that Harley was not to blame, and returned a verdict of accidental death.

### JUST TO GO UP IN SMOKE.

Making 1,100 Cigarettes in a Minute.

#### DEATH TO GERMS.

An indescribable smell—fearsome at first, dank like those ghost-tenanted wells beloved of Dr. Jekyll, and then—like strange vintage wines. Many little girls in pinafores, pretty as pixies, carrying armfuls of brown cardboard stuffs from place to place.

Whirring machines, tick-tacking machines, slow clapping machines, and through the sound of machinery, somehow the croon of Dusks in the far Carolinas, five thousand odd miles from this pale East London spring afternoon. Right! A cigarette factory.

To follow the gentle tobacco leaf for just one hour, from Mother Earth to Mother Earth, is more than just food for thought. It is a complete brown study.

Sweating Room. Out of these crates the tobacco leaf is tipped into a cavern, unpleasantly called the sweating room, considerably hotter than the Palm House at Kew, and about as damp. This is obviously to make the leaf damp enough to go through with the next five hectic minutes of its life without cracking up altogether.

Freed from this torture, it passes through the hands of little girls, who de-stalk all but about 20 per cent. of it. And then the grilles of the whole business takes place. The leaves are carried, with merciful swiftness, along moving bands to machines where knives two feet square—and sharper than professional politicians—descend like guillotines ten times a second, and cut them into thin, long strands, amid a roar like Croydon air port on a busy afternoon. These knives are reground every three minutes.

Mechanical Dusters. So along another band, at fair walking pace, and under a revolving magnet—which rounds up stray fluff, bits of wire, and so on, with steady indifference—to a container where the stream is mixed with "reject" tobacco. This "reject" tobacco is from cigarettes which, later in the game, are thrown out for one reason or another—torn paper, torn boxes, and so on.

Now, how to take out the grit and dust which the crooning Dusks pulled up with the plant? For ladies are particular, and the number of women who smoke nowadays is prodigious, and is ever increasing.

The tobacco is pushed into a revolving and slightly sloping cylinder, rather like those terrifying "amusements" at exhibitions.

Huge teeth catch it, . . . and pitchfork it round, while the dust is whisked away by a little breeze.

And No Mistakes.

The stuff now has a purple future. In front of it. If you would see the next process you must don dark blue goggles, or the violet rays which deal death to any germs (while the tobacco whirls round inside another barrel)—will give you that Palm Beach complexion.

All germs dead, the mixture is now ready to be made up, and after a day's quiet relaxation it is taken across to a corner where narrow rolls of paper, each about two-and-a-half miles long, roll about waiting to encompass it.

While it is waiting, the paper gets itself stamped, gummed, and licked, and then, as the tobacco passes through a narrow tube, it leaps out and coils itself round it.

The whole thing would now emerge as one continuous cigarette ("rejects" from this machine are sometimes many yards long) were it not cut up eleven hundred times a minute into cigarettes.

"Once cut up and shot out," the cigarettes are gathered and weighed—no, not separately—and passed to another machine where, in twentys, or it may be in tens, they are automatically wrapped in tin foil, and thrust into their little boxes, which another machine nearly fits together in the nick of time to close round them.

If only nineteen are thrust in, a bell rings! If one coupon too few is thrust in a bell rings!

### IS AMUNDSEN ALIVE

#### American Explorer's Belief.

The possibility that the famous explorer Amundsen is still alive on Crown Prince Rudolf Island, near Francis Joseph's Land in the Arctic Ocean, is affirmed by the American Arctic explorer, Mr. Flah, in a letter to the Soviet Russian Company "Intourist" which is organising a journey by the Russian icebreaker Malgyn leaving Archangel on July 15 for the Arctic regions. The well known Russian expert in Arctic matters, Professor Weiss, declares that measures will be taken to ascertain the existence of traces of Amundsen.

### A SPY REMOVES WAR PLANS.

German Revelations of a Stolen Document.

#### FLANDERS CAMPAIGN.

One of the most astonishing feats in the history of spying before the war—the abstraction of a document from the room of Field-Marshal Sir William Nicholson then Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at the War Office, Whitehall—is credited to the Germans in a new volume of illuminating "German Diplomatic Documents (1911-14)," a translation of which has been published.

The story is all the more remarkable because the document, written in October 1911, deals with the strategy of the prospective war.

Major Ostertag, German military attaché in London, writes to Berlin, in February 1912:—

"Chance has thrown into my hands an extraordinary interesting letter from one British general to another.

"The writer of it describes in detail the views of French officers of high rank on a war against Germany, in connection with which the employment of the British Army on the left wing in combination with French Army corps is discussed."

Major Ostertag explains that the writer of the letter was General Townshend (of Kut), whose wife was French.

The letter itself, a copy of which Major Ostertag sent to Berlin, is given in a full translation.

Alsace-Lorraine.

General Townshend, writing to "My dear Haldane," states in it that he has had "a long conversation with Mordacq, of Joffre's staff, in Paris" and he says, "we discussed the probable zones of operations of the French and German army groups in the event of war."

He mentions facts about German preparations, and says:—"It is a clear indication that the Germans would use Alsace-Lorraine as a secondary or defensive field in order to contain the French in that region, while they would use Belgium and Luxembourg at the main or attacking field."

There are four and a half printed pages of the letter.

Townshend says that Mordacq did not agree that the German main mass would go through Belgium, but through Luxembourg on the Metz-Verdun line, and that the British Army should stand on the line Maubeuge-Mezieres.

Events three years later proved that Townshend was right and that Joffre's staff officer, was wrong—hence the German advance to the Marne.

Major Ostertag tells Berlin that the recipient of the letter "must have lost it."

Kaiser's Jeers.

Mr. E. T. S. Dugdale, the translator of the documents and editor of the book, adds this note:—

"The translator is informed by General Sir Aylmer Haldane that the German military attaché's conjecture is quite incorrect."

General Haldane handed General Townshend's letter to General Sir William Nicholson in the War Office. The latter probably tore it up and threw it into the wastepaper basket, whence undoubtedly it eventually came into the hands of Major Ostertag.

Sir Aylmer is a nephew of the late Viscount Haldane, the War Minister at the time.

The volume is also notable for rabid jeers at the King and British statesmen penned by the Kaiser, and for many comments by the Kaiser declaring his belief that it was certain England would fight against Germany. He declares it over and over again.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of July 13, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/2.

An advertisement in this issue announces that an interim dividend of 43 per share subject to deduction of income-tax has been declared for the half-year ended June 30, 1921, at the rate of 2/7 per dollar, by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The dividend will be paid on and after Monday, August 2. The following interim dividends are also announced:—Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company Ltd., 4 per share; the Hong Kong Central Estate, Ltd., 64 per share; and the West Point Building Company, Ltd., 412 per share all for the six months ended June 30.



## MARIE CORELLI'S HOME

Books Sealed with A Prayer.

## EVERYTHING THE SAME.

If Marie Corelli, who died in 1924, came back from the grave and walked into her four-hundred-year-old house she would find the place exactly as it was on the day of her death.

The great woman novelist's house in the bustling High Street of Shakespeare's "Town" is one of Britain's most beautiful homes of yesterday (writes a Daily Express correspondent).

Sightseers flock to Stratford by the thousands every week of the Summer season, yet few who pass the ivy-covered Elizabethan house where Marie Corelli found repose, solitude, and inspiration for her work guess the hidden gem of old British beauty which is contained in the dead novelist's house.

Miss Bertha Vyver was Marie Corelli's lifelong friend. She came into the novelist's life when Marie Corelli was a child. She was her devoted companion during the whole time the novelist was at Stratford-on-Avon, and now she has consecrated the remainder of her life to keeping Marie Corelli's home exactly as it was in the novelist's lifetime.

It was this faithful friend herself who was my guide when I visited Marie Corelli's home. She came to greet me with an old-world grace and dignity as I stood waiting on the mat which had the word "Welcome" stamped out boldly on its surface.

"Everything is as it was when Marie Corelli was alive—nothing is disturbed," said Marie Corelli's lifelong friend.

Old Oak Armchair. Then she led me through the house, I looked at the dining-room. There was Marie Corelli's old oak armchair—the chair she always used—at the head of the table. There were flowers on the table freshly gathered from the garden.

Miss Vyver led me to a glass case and showed me original manuscripts of Marie Corelli's works which she carefully preserved. Then she let me into a secret of the great novelist's life.

Every time Marie Corelli ended a book she uttered a prayer. "People say Marie Corelli had no religion," said Miss Vyver, "Look at this!" She held up the last page of the "Sorrow of Satan," which had come back to Marie Corelli from the printers with its secret unproved and it might have remained an unsolved riddle for all time had not Miss Vyver gained the key. The last page of the novel was gummed to another piece of paper, and Miss Vyver steamed this page one day and read this prayer in Marie Corelli's hand writing:—

"To Thee, O God, and my Saviour

Christ I commend this work and all work I may ever do or have done. Ave Maria."

Marie Corelli's old pet—she was a great animal lover—are nearly all gone. I saw two—the last remaining pair, a tame dove Popsie, and Ariel, a shaggy old Shetland pony who lost his mate Puck a couple of years ago.

Perfect Picture. Ariel spends the twilight of his days in the beautiful meadow surrounding Marie Corelli's house—unapproachable to all except the dead novelist's house-hold staff who still remain at the house.

Miss Vyver led me to the latched door leading from the drawing-room. "Could you find anywhere a more perfect picture of British beauty than this?" she said ecstatically.

I looked out, seemingly for miles, along an avenue of poplar trees and rhododendron bushes, many of them planted by Marie Corelli's own hand—out through a four-hundred-year-old archway of stone with a double sundial on its roof.

There was beauty, peace and solitude in Marie Corelli's old-world garden—the garden which gave the novelist inspiration for some of her most beautiful chapters.

There was an old garden seat in a rose bower. It was Marie Corelli's favourite garden seat where she sat for hours in the cool Summer evenings planning her novels.

The seat was freshly painted—the faithful Bertha's springtime task.

I looked up at a little lattice window looking out on to the garden. The window was wide open to let in the fresh morning air. It was Marie Corelli's bedroom—the room where she died.

Fresh Flowers. Every morning Marie Corelli's maid enters the room to dust the things on the dressing table. Freshly gathered flowers are put on the table. It is the only room where no stranger ever enters—it is the most sacred room in the house in the faithful Bertha's eyes.

I peeped into Marie Corelli's study. There were the books on the table—the last volumes she used—just as they were the last time she sat at her table writing.

A bowl of lilies stood on a table in the ante-room of Marie Corelli's study—they were the first lilies of the year from the great novelist's beautiful garden, and every morning from now onwards until the Summer ends the rooms which Marie Corelli made sacred for ever in the eyes of this faithful old friend will be perfumed with the scent of the flowers from her beautiful old-world garden.

## WISCRACKS OF WHOOPEE "QUEEN."

She Could Chase Al Capone Out of U.S.!

## HER PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE.

Here are a few sidelights on Texas Guinan, America's night club "queen," who recently returned to America in a huff after being refused permission to land in Britain or France.

"The world's made up of just two kinds of people—the takers and the took. I take 'em!"

"Never give a sucker a break; it's a waste of time!"

There are only two kinds of suckers—those that know they are and those that don't. The first likes being a sucker; the other is so dumb he wouldn't believe he's a sucker if you proved it to him!"

These are typical examples of Texas Guinan's philosophy, couched in her own language (writes an American in the Daily Express).

In thirty years of acquaintance with Tex I have known her to invent, on the spur of the moment, dozens of pungent aphorisms which, subsequently, have become part and parcel of the litany of America's underworld.

Even Will Rogers—acclaimed as the twentieth century Mark Twain—has not coined a greater number of original wisecracks than Texas.

I recall a night several years ago at the Guinan night club when I had the privilege of being one of a little party which included such brilliant wits as Nat Goodwin, Wilson Mizner, and Willie Collier. Nat was teasing Tex about being a sure-thing gambler, ending with a point-blank accusation that she would never take a chance.

"Me? Take a chance?" Tex shot back with assumed feecity. "Listen, you little red-headed shrimp! I'll jump off the top of the Woolworth building and land in a bottle of ink!"

Retort to a "Star." Another night David Warfield, then the greatest box-office attraction in the United States, and starting in his greatest success, "The Music Master," dropped in at Guinan's.

Instantly Tex spotted him she strode over to his table and loudly demanded that he get up on the dance floor and do his old-time act of the Jewish call button pedlar—the low comedy turn which twenty-five years earlier had started him on the road to fame.

"My dear Texas," protested Warfield in his most impressive manner, "I am amazed at you. Don't you realise that I'm a great star? Why, every night I make hundreds of men and women weep!"

"So can an onion," Tex retorted.

In the dozen years during which Texas has been running night clubs in New York she has never failed to greet every patron in person—her salutation never varying. It is "Hello, sucker!"

Tex makes no bones about it. In business hours she is all business; friendship as such means nothing to her. She puts her label on you as you enter and if you are in any doubt about the accuracy of her appraisal, you will have to admit she is right—when you get your bill!

Pioneer Days. Actually Texas belongs to an older age—the pioneer days which produced Walt Whitman, Joaquin Miller, and Bret Harte. She is as blasphemous as they were—and quite as intolerant of the conventions.

In her time she has lived as rough a life as any of Jack London's fictional characters—an entertainer in mining camps from Colorado to the Klondike.

Before the war she tried her hand at motion pictures—her ambition being to become "the female Bill Hart." As a "two-gun" cowgirl she starred in several Western films, but even in that far-off day she was not young enough to face the age-revealing camera lens successfully.

Nobody except Tex knows how old she is or how many husbands she has had, but she thinks I am safe in saying that she is sixty. Her closest friends do not know, however, that there has been but one romance in her hectic life.

Twenty odd years ago she fell in love with a newspaper man in Los Angeles. He did not respond in kind and eventually married elsewhere.

It was this rebuff that led Tex to shake the dust of Hollywood from her feet and head for New York.

## SHIPPING "RING" MENACE.

Manufacturers' Protest to Government.

## SERIOUS CHARGE.

"British ships are carrying British goods to New Zealand at a freight rate 50 to 125 per cent. higher than British ships are carrying American goods from New York to the same market."

This serious charge is contained in a memorandum which has been sent to Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, by a large group of important manufacturers.

It is the first step in the war which has broken out between the industrialists of Britain and the shipping conferences—or "rings"—who are blamed for blocking the expansion of our export trade.

Factory Prices. "What are we going to do?" the export sales manager of a large group of companies said to the Daily Express. "Our products are equal, if not superior, to the American article. Our price at the factory is competitive."

Yet when we deliver in the Dominion market we find that the foreign manufacturer has an overwhelming advantage over us in his lower freight rates.

"Both products, mind you, have been transported in British ships. Why is there this unfair discrimination?"

The case of an agricultural mower was cited. The machine sold for \$14. The freight rates from the United Kingdom to New Zealand was 43 higher than it was from New York to the same port. The result was that in 1929 New Zealand bought 3,500 mowers, of which only 250 were British and the remainder largely American.

Buying British. Another striking instance has been cited, in which British concerns are competing with foreign manufacturers for the order of two oil engines for Buenos Aires. The Argentinians who have hitherto used German machines for the work required, are now anxious to buy in the British market, largely as a result of the good will created by the visit of the Prince of Wales.

The British manufacturers have discovered, however, that there is a serious discrepancy between shipment from Britain to the Argentinians and from the Continent. The difference is more than \$250 on the two machines. This practically rules out the possibility of the United Kingdom securing the order.

Repeated attempts have been made by British manufacturers to get the shipping firms operating from Britain to consider their case. Officials of the various companies have been interviewed. The facts have been put strongly from the manufacturers' point of view.

"The result is," said a prominent manufacturer, "that we are told that the matter must be placed before the conference."

Now, the conference, a group of shipping companies, bound together by an agreement, have no legal business address. We are unable to write to them. We cannot interview them. They are as elusive as they are powerful, for they have the last word in the question of freight rates.

Conference Reply. "We usually hear, later on, in language of no uncertain character, that the conference has considered our application without seeing any reason for making an alteration in the rates."

The "deferred rebate" is another point which the manufacturers attack in the policy of British shipping companies. Shippers are required to pay 5 per cent. on the amount of the freight plus 2s. 6d. a ton, which is called a "primago charge."

This sum is returnable after six months, but is cancelled if the shipper sends goods by any line not forming part of the conference.

The manufacturers claim that this is designated as a progressive means of blinding export firms to the conference companies, and leaves them no alternative but to accept any terms shipping firms wish to inflict.

The system of deferred rebates is illegal in the United States. British companies sailing from New York are not allowed to make this charge.

The growing resentment among British manufacturers over freight rates to foreign and Dominion markets has led to what one company director described as "a great deal of detective work."

It is claimed that without an elaborate organization in various parts of the world it is impossible to discover the advantage that the foreign shipper is enjoying.

The foreign manufacturer refuses to tell. The shipping company regard their rates as their own business.

It is now known, and the facts have been laid before the President of the Board of Trade, that some companies who operate ships from both New York and the United Kingdom are charging twice as much here as they do in America.

That is for a voyage of the same distance to the same market, and for the same article.

## "NO TIME FOR INERTIA."

Major Bibby on the Shipping Outlook.

The Worcestershire, the latest and largest of the Bibby Line of motor vessels, has just completed her first ten weeks' trip to Egypt, Colombo, Rangoon, and the Straits Settlements.

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Major Bibby, Chairman of the Line, speaking at a luncheon given on board, referred to the bad time through which the shipping trade is now passing, and stated that it was necessary to get rid of the inertia that prevented people from trying new things and new methods shipowners must do their part and provide services that were regular, punctual, and efficient at the lowest possible rates.

## DREDGE'S EXCITING VOYAGE.

Severe Buffeting on Voyage to Melbourne.

When her rudder chains parted and the dynamo-room was flooded by a heavy sea, the crew of the dredge Sir George Lloyd, which arrived at Williamstown (Melbourne) from Bombay, had an exciting experience. The voyage was made in moderate seas until the Australian Bight was reached, reports the Argus. Here the vessel was buffeted severely, and when the rudder chains parted she began to drift. The engineers were able to repair the damage, however, although they were greatly handicapped by the heavy rolling of the vessel. When a wave swamped the dynamo-room the dynamo was put out of action, and the crew was forced to work waist deep in water at times, and in darkness.

The Sir George Lloyd is a suction cutter dredge which was built in 1921 by Simons and Co., Renfrew, and has been engaged in reclamation work in the Back Bay, Bombay, for several years. She was bought by the Commissioners of the Melbourne Harbour Trust for £32,500. Her original cost was £400,000, which included pipelines and pontoons. She has a gross register of 1,142 tons, and an overall length of 230 ft. The main section pipe has a diameter of 45 in., and a capacity of 2,000 cubic yards an hour.

## NOVEL WAR MEMORIAL.

A war memorial of an unusual character was unveiled at Freshwater, Isle of Wight, in honour of the men of the Fifth Hants Howitzer Battery, Royal Field Artillery, Territorials, who played a heroic part in the defence of Kut.

It consists of the shattered trail of one of the battery's guns which was blown up by them before the surrender of the town. The trail, still bearing the name of the battery, was discovered amongst some rubbish in the streets of Kut about a year ago by a former member of the battery, Flight-Lieutenant Ernest Drudge, who shipped it home.

About twenty survivors of the Kut defence were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Colonel H. C. Thomson, D.S.O. who was in command of the battery.

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Love Is Not Guarded by Marriage.

## JUDGE'S OPINION.

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"Children are not necessary to it. Passion is only a fraction of it. Like the magic spark of life, love is both a mystery and a vital force."

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Made Fraser, Hong Kong Hotel, from Singapore.  
Hole, from Singapore, Sub. Plindoo, from Singapore.

S. LACK,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, July 9, 1931.

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**POST OFFICE NOTICE.****INWARD MAILS.**

Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow
TUESDAY, JULY 14.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 19)	President McKinley (Ship due 6.30 p.m. July 13.)
Java and Manila	Tikaranga
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.	
Manila	Empress of Japan
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutsz
THURSDAY, JULY 16.	
Calcutta and Straits	Kut Sang
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru
Europe via Suez, (Letters & Papers, London, June 18 and Parcels, June 11)	Rajputana
FRIDAY, JULY 17.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, June 27)	President Taft
SATURDAY, JULY 18.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 25)	Asama Maru
SUNDAY, JULY 19.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, June 24)	Hikawa Maru
TUESDAY, JULY 21.	
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan
SATURDAY, JULY 25.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 26)	President Polk
MONDAY, JULY 27.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 3)	President Grant

**OUTWARD MAILS.**

MONDAY, JULY 13.	
Samahul and Wuchow	Kong So 4 p.m.
Ordinary letters only for Europe superscribed "via Siberia" by Air Mail, Shanghai-Manchuli	
TUESDAY, JULY 14.	
Swatow	Antolycus 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Antolycus 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.	
Swatow	Kwai Sang 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Yu Sang 10.30 a.m.
Salgon	Halvard 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 16.	
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Van Heutsz 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JULY 17.	
Japan	Tai Ping (Due Thursday Island, July 28.)
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Parcels (Due Thursday Island, July 28.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Registration July 17, 9.45 a.m.
Amoy	Letters (Due Thursday Island, July 28.)
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Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Registration July 17, 9.45 a.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 18.	
Swatow	Kitono Maru 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Klungchow 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Tikaranga 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 21.	
Salgon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kut Sang 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 25.	
Swatow	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
Sandakan	Parcels (Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Registration July 25, 4.15 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Letters (Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
SUNDAY, JULY 26.	
Swatow	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
Sandakan	Parcels (Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Registration July 26, 4.15 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Letters (Due Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.)

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

**STANDARD TIMES.****Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.**

Month	Day	Sunrise	Sunset
July	13	5.46	7.11
	14	5.47	7.11
	15	5.47	7.11
	16	5.48	7.10
	17	5.48	7.10
	18	5.49	7.10
	19	5.49	7.10
	20	5.49	7.09
	21	5.50	7.09
	22	5.50	7.08
	23	5.51	7.08
	24	5.51	7.08
	25	5.51	7.07
	26	5.52	7.07
	27	5.52	7.06
	28	5.52	7.06
	29	5.53	7.06
	30	5.53	7.05
	31	5.54	7.05

**RADIO TRUST.****Langmuir Patent Held To Be Invalid.**

The action of the United States Supreme Court in holding that the Langmuir Radio Tube (wireless valve) patent is invalid, thus reversing the decision of the Lower Court, is hailed as a smashing victory over the Radio Trust.

The effect of the Supreme Court's finding sustains the contention of the plaintiffs, the De Forest Radio Company, as against the General Electric Company, that the Langmuir patent was not infringed by the De Forest concern.

The Langmuir patent is, it is contended, the most important item in the patent pool of the Radio Corporation of America, the General Electric Company, and the General Motors Corporation, which the Federal Government had used to disprove as a violation of the Sherman Law.

It is difficult to estimate the loss of many millions of dollars involved in the decision.

**ADVERTISING BY WIRELESS.****The B.B.C. Charged with Humbug.**

A meeting of Associated British Authors and Composers was held last month, for the discussion of methods of stamping out "song-plugging" practices in broadcasts by dance bands from hotels and dance halls outside the B.B.C. studios. Mr. J. F. Lewis, who presided, said that there was a practice, well known to publishers, of subsidizing artists in order to advertise new songs.

"When broadcasting came along," said Mr. Lewis, "the payments for ordinary concerts became restricted. Concerts were not of much real value owing to the big drop in sheet-music sales; but wireless performances were a different matter. The advertisement, in this case, went further afield, and brought much bigger sales—if not of sheet music, at any rate of gramophone records, which, at 6½ per cent. per double-sided record, made wireless 'plugging' a more or less paying proposition.

"The B.B.C. deals with far too many professional people not to be aware of this matter, so that there can be no question of their being unaware that wireless is already being used, and used very widely, for advertising—in spite of Sir John Reith's statement that he is definitely opposed to the use of wireless for advertising."

"Winked At" By Officials.

"Every subsidised performance that comes over the ether is an advertisement for a music publisher, and is on an entirely different plane from work performed on its merits alone. We in the music trade know that this is the case, and I deliberately charge the B.B.C. with knowing it also, and condoning it, while at the same time hypocritically denying that any advertising goes on."

"The attitude taken up by the B.B.C. officials is this: 'It is not our business what music is played by the outside bands, or what terms publishers make with them.' The conclusion one is compelled to arrive at is that the officials of the B.B.C. are fully aware that advertising is going on, and that they not merely wink at it, but by their apathy, encourage it.

"One would have thought it entirely their business to ascertain how much of the £45,000 a year they pay for the right to use music actually goes to subsidisers. But no, that question is apparently nobody's business at the B.B.C."

The meeting passed a resolution expressing strong disapproval of "the present use of wireless for advertising purposes by a small section only of the music trade," and urging the B.B.C. to "widen the sphere of its usefulness as an advertising medium, or, alternatively, to bring the practice of advertising by wireless to an end."

**B.B.C. Reply.**

The following reply to the criticisms was made by a representative of the B.B.C.: "The criticism of the B.B.C. would be much more constructive and therefore much more practical if Mr. Lewis would acquaint the Corporation with definite cases of subsidising by publishers of dance orchestras for broadcast performances."

"It will be remembered that as a protest against alleged song-plugging the B.B.C. two years ago declined to allow the titles of dance numbers or the singing of choruses to be included during the broadcast. For several months the name of the orchestra and the place where it was played were announced at the opening of the broadcast, and at intervals of 20 minutes during the performance from the studio at Savoy Hill.

"Meetings between the publishers and the B.B.C. were held at Savoy Hill during this period, and considerable negotiation took place, the attitude of the B.B.C. being that it would not be a party to any advertising during the broadcast of particular numbers of individual publishers. That has been the attitude of the B.B.C. ever since dance music was first broadcast.

"If music publishers are dissatisfied any person for the purpose of getting dance numbers played, Mr. Lewis, or whoever else brings such a charge, should substantiate his statement and the B.B.C. will then know what course to take. The B.B.C. controls as far as possible the proportion of any one publisher's material in a single broadcast, and keeps a check on the numbers played during the performance."

**PHANTON SHIP HOAX.****Rescue Expedition That Was Not Needed.**

A radio-operator with a perverted sense of humour perpetrated a curious hoax on Soviet public opinion, which has just been discovered. Some weeks ago radio stations and private operators began to pick up messages calling urgently for help, in which the words "ship" and "stuck in ice" could be faintly distinguished.

It proved impossible to locate the name of any ship which was in danger, and the northernmost Soviet radio stations, failed to hear the signals. However, a message was finally heard with the definite name of a ship, Victory. The newspapers began to scold the naval authorities for bureaucratic negligence in not identifying this ship earlier, and the ice-breaker Malign was dispatched from Archangel to rescue the Victory, as messages depicting alarming shortage of food and fuel on the ship continued to come in.

The anti-climax to what looked like a striking story of Arctic hardship and adventure came in the shape of a brief announcement that the whole affair was a hoax, and that the Victory was in no danger whatever. It has not been stated whether the person responsible for these false messages has been discovered or what punishment has been meted out to him.

**LESSON SERMON.****First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong.**

"Sacrament" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, July 12.

The Golden Text was: "Jesus saith unto them: My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." (John 4: 34.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also following him. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22: 39, 41, 42.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"If all who ever partook of the sacrament had really commemorated the sufferings of Jesus and drunk of his cup, they would have revolutionized the world. If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor—the receptive thought, they will bring in the millennium." (p. 34.)

**NOVEL OF ADVENTURE.**

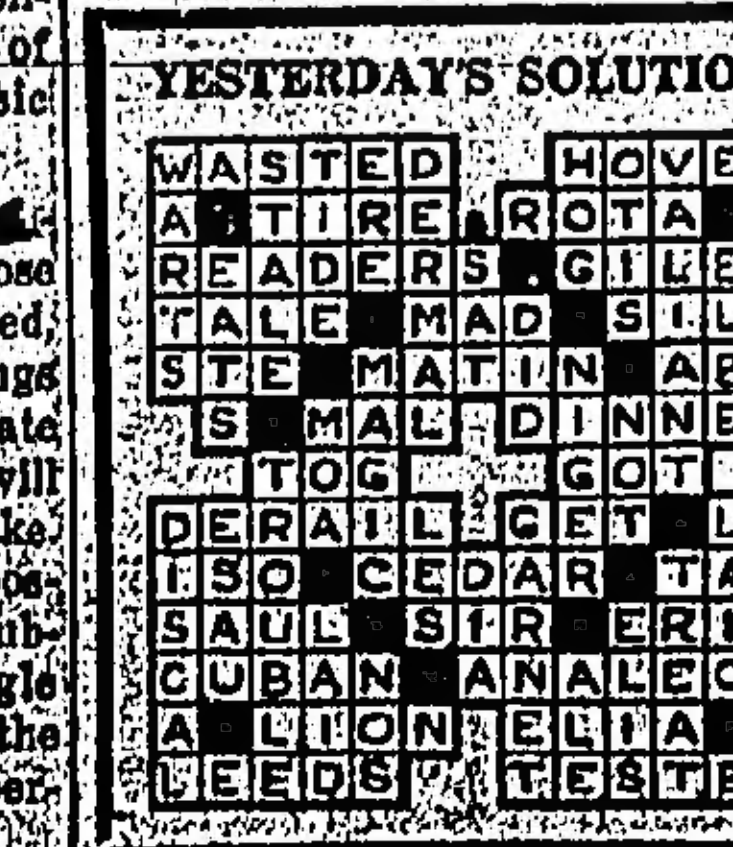
"The White Tiger," by F. A. Mitchell-Hedges; Crown 8vo, cloth, 7s. 6d. net.

The author of this novel of adventure and romance in Central America is too well-known as an explorer and sportsman to need any introduction to the general public. His tale centres round the figure of a financier once famous in the City, who by the strange play of circumstances comes to hold mysterious sway over an Indian tribe. In the face of plotting politicians and lawless soldiers he becomes the founder of a great republic and, overcoming the difficulties and dangers of the barbaric wilds, he finds at length the woman who is his true mate.

Mr. Josiah Greenhalgh, President of the Oldham Boy Scouts Association, speaking at a meeting at Shaw recently, said: "Scouting taught youth to be honourable, upright and just, and the sincerity of helpfulness when a good deed was necessary."

It was thus: one of the finest movements in the world for the training of character. If the ideals of the Movement were loyally carried out Scouts would rank as the best and finest citizens of the country.

He added that he had found much happiness in the Movement and believed most of the lads were happy, too.

**HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.**

Opening Daily Official Quotations 13th July, 1931.  
Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, 28th July, 1931.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Open	Fin. last	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	\$ 2050	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) Mar. 31	
Chartered Bank	...	...	151	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) Mar. 31	
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	211	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) Apr. 31	
Bank of Asia	127	...	...	...	Dec.	\$2 for 1930 Feb. 28, 31	
Insurance.							
Canton Ins.	...	...	1435	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) May 15, 31	
Union Ins.	550	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 100 for 1929-30) May 29, 31	
"China Underwriters"	\$ 51	5.00	...	...	...	None	
China Fire Ins.	375	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 20 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) May 30, 31	
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1400	...	Dec.	(Final 20 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) Mar. 26, 31	
Shipping.							
Douglases	...	...	341	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1928-29	
H. K. Steamboat	221	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1-30 for 1929-30 None for 1930-31	
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	...	Dec.	(13% ex. 25) on preferred for 1928 and 1929 June 19, 29	
(Def.)	...	...	80	...	...	None	
Shells Bearer	508	...	508	...	Dec.	(Final 100 Coupon No. 81) July 31, 31	
Union Waterboat	281	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1-50 for 1929 Mar. 31, 31	
Mining.							
Benguet	91	...	...	...	Dec.	Steel, Int. 20 centavos, ex 1931 June 30, 31	
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	391	...	June	(Fin. 4% free 17/100 Coupon 33) Dec. 30, 30	
Langkat (Single)	...	...	4.95	...	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 21-10-20 Dec. 8, 30	
Shai Exploration	...	...	2	...	...	None	
Loans	...	...	4	...	Dec.	(Final T. 0.50) for 1929 Feb. 6, 31	
*Raub	314	...	35	...	Mar.	(Final T. 0.50) for 1929 July 15, 31	
Venezuela Gold Fields	21	8	...	...	...	None year 21-5-31	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & W. Wharves	184	...	...	...	Dec.	\$2 for 1930 Mar. 15, 31	
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	39	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1928-29	
South Ch. Motors	...	...	10	...	...	...	
"China Provident (old)"	5.50	...	...	...	Dec.	(10 cents on old) for 1928-29 April 8, 31	
(new)	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hongkong	...	...	270	...	Dec.	(Fin. T. 11 mk. T. 14 for 1930) Mar. 4, 31	
N. Engineering	...	...	100	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929 Mar. 4, 31	
Shanghai Docks	...	...	100	...	Apr.	T. 0 for year 20-4-1 Pending	
Land, Hotels & Buildings.							
*H.K. & S. Hs. (old)"	...	...	161	...	...	10 cents for 1930	
(new)"	...	...	161	...	...	(Final 25 bonus \$4 for 1929 and \$1 on new Docks) Apr. 16, 31	
H.K. Lands	...	...	921	...	Dec.	(Final T. 15) for 1930 Feb. 10, 31	
Shanghai Lands	381	...	...	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) Mar. 19, 31	
Humphreys (old)	...	...	202	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930 Feb. 24, 31	
(new)	...	...	101	...	Dec.	(Final 25 bonus \$1 400 ex 1928-29) Apr. 18, 31	
H. K. Realities	15.40	...	...	...	...	...	
Chinese Estates	...	...	90	...	Feb.	\$5 for year 23-2-30 July 31, 30	
Cotton Mills.							
*Two Cotton	...	...	14.40	...	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930 Mar. 12, 31	
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	90	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 20-4-31 May 27, 31	
Zong Sing	...	...	11	...	June	T. 0-50 for year 20-6-50 Oct. 11, 30	
Public Utilities.							
*H. K. Tramways	...	...	21	21.40	...	Dec.	(Final of 40 cents) for 1930 Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)"	...	...	14	...	Apr.	30 cts. on old for year 1928 on new) 30-4-31 June 16, 31	
(new)"	...	...	0.00	...	...	...	
Star Ferry	...	...	968	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929 Feb. 18, 31	
Yankee Ferry	...	...	203	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 June 28, 31	
*China Light	...	...	202	...	Sept.	(Final 50 cts. 5/100 for 20-2-31) Dec. 16, 30	
H. K. Electric	81	...	81	...	Dec.	\$0.50 for 1929 Mar. 18, 31	
Macao	...	...	23	...	...	...	
Sandakan Lights	...	...	12	...	June	None	
H.K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	19	...	Dec.	Interest 4% ex 1931 Pending	
part paid	...	...	38	...	...	...	
China Bus	...	...	13.60	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929 Feb. 26, 30	
S'pore Trac'n (Ord.)	...	...	19	...	Sept.	(1/2% on preference shares) Feb. 6, 31	
(Pref.)	...	...	19	...	...	...	
Industrials.							
China Sugar	...	...	65	...	...	In Liquidation	
Malacca Sugar	...	...	39	...	Dec.	P. 4.50 for 1930 Mar. 4, 31	
Cold Mng. Ord.	...	...	14	...	Dec.	(T. 1 T. 0.50) for 1930 Mar. 27, 31	
Pref.	...	...	101	...	...	...	
Canton Ice	...	...	7	...	July	None	
*Concrete (com.)	...	...	19.40	...	Dec.	(50 cents on old) for 1930 Mar. 18, 31	
(old)"	...	...	131	...	...	...	
(new)"	...	...	6	...	...	...	
H. K. Rops	...	...	231	...	Dec.	75 cents for 1931 Mar. 27, 31	
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms	...	...	301	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 Mar. 18, 31	
Woons	...	...	16	...	Oct.	75 cents for year 21-1-30 Mar. 16, 31	
Der A Wings	...	...	1	...	...	...	
Lane Crawfords	...	...	9.30	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 22-2-28	
Macintosh	...	...	18	...	Feb.	\$1 for year 22-2-31 Apr. 20, 31	
Sincere	...	...	141	...	Feb.	20 cents for year 22-2-31 June 17, 31	
Wm. Powells	...	...	4	...	...	...	
Sou. Ch. Enterprise	...	...	101	...	...	...	
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement (old)"	...	...	30	...	Mar.	\$2.50 for 1931 Sept. 27, 30	
(new A)"	...	...	281	...	...	...	
(B)"	...	...	28.80	...	...	...	
Ch. Entertainment	...	...	171	...	...	...	
H. K. Construction	...	...	3.30	...	Dec.	30 cents for 1930 Apr. 22, 31	
B. Ind. G. Bonds	...	...	78%	...	...	...	
H. K. Govt. Loan	...	...	0%	...	...	Interest half yearly	
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.							





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ASAMA MARU	Wednesday	5th August.
<b>SEATTLE, VANCOUVER</b> via Shanghai & Japan Ports.		
HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday	28th July.
HIYE MARU	Tuesday	25th August.
<b>LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM</b> via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.		
YASUKUNI MARU	Monday	27th July.
SUWA MARU	Saturday	8th August.
<b>SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE</b> via Manila & Ports.		
KAMO MARU	Saturday	25th July.
KITANO MARU	Saturday	22nd August.
<b>BOMBAY</b> via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Tuesday	28th July.
<b>SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast)</b> via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Tuesday	28th July.
<b>NEW YORK BOSTON</b> via Panama.		
ATAGO MARU	Saturday	25th July.
<b>LIVERPOOL</b> via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.		
DURBAN MARU	Saturday	18th July.
<b>CALCUTTA</b> via Singapore, Penang, & Rangoon.		
MURORAN MARU	Thursday	18th July.
MALACCA MARU	Wednesday	29th July.
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Tiao via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Wed. 22nd July at 10 a.m.
S'wai via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Sun. 26th July at 10 a.m.
S'wai via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Thurs. 23rd July at 8 p.m.
S'wai via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Sat. 8th Aug. at 8 p.m.
S'wai via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Tues. 18th Aug. at 8 p.m.
Ozaki via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Sat. 18th July at 7 a.m.
Ozaki via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Tues. 23rd July at 7 a.m.
Ozaki via S'wai & S'hai	CHANGSANG	Wed. 8th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	YUSANG	Wed. 15th July at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sun. 19th July at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri. 24th July at 10 a.m.
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#### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River, and East River on the dates named:—

	July 7	July 10
West River at Shuikang	—	—
North River at Samshui	15.3	12.9
East River at Sheklung	3.0	5.2

The level at Shuikang on July 8 was 26.3 feet and at Tsingyuen on July 7 was 18 feet.

The highest levels recorded are:—Shuikang, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Bridgewater—West wall.  
Caradoc—North wall.  
Moorhen—South Wall.  
Odin—East wall.  
Seraph—North arm.  
Serapis—North arm.  
Sepoy—North arm.  
Stormcloud—North arm.  
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign.  
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.  
Regulus—French sloop.  
Mindanao—American gunboat.

### TITANIC LIFEBOAT

After washing about in the sea for 19 years a scarred and discoloured lifeboat marked A.S. Titanic has been washed up on the shore of Gravesend Bay, New York.

The White Star liner Titanic was sunk on April 15, 1912, after collision with an iceberg. Over 1,500 lives were lost.

### HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
July	Times	Times
Mon. 13	7.40	1.40
Tues. 14	8.44	2.44
Wed. 15	9.48	3.48
Thurs. 16	10.52	4.52
Fri. 17	11.56	5.56
Sat. 18	12.60	6.20
Sun. 19	13.24	6.54

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, July 10.  
Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 6,806 tons, Captain Y. Okuno, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—N.Y.K.

Takada, British str., 6,949 tons, Captain H. Hitchcock, from Japan and Amoy, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Vancouver Maru, Japanese str., 4,269 tons, Capt. M. Hashida, from Dunkirk via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Saturday, July 11.  
Amazon Maru, Japanese str., 4,823 tons, Captain T. Tasaki, from Dunkirk via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Ardent, Norwegian str., 1,101 tons, Capt. E. Kroger, from Bangkok, buoy No. B8.—K. Larsen & Co.

Billiton, Dutch str., 5,889 tons, Captain C. J. H. Wiker, from Rotterdam, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Klette, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B26.—Dpdwell & Co.

Dell Maru, Japanese str., 1,219 tons, Capt. E. Sanada, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—O.S.K.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Captain J. Bruhn, from Saigon, buoy No. C8.—Chang Tong Ha.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,259 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Chefoo, buoy No. B18.—Loong Tai Hong.

Foehing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mifford, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Fushimi Maru, Japanese str., 6,259 tons, Captain N. Narui, from London via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Haining, British str., 882 tons, Captain A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hermes, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Captain C. Anderson, from Samarinda, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Thoresen & Co.

Kumakata Maru, Japanese str., 703 tons, Capt. C. Kawamoto, from Keelung, Yau-mat Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. A. F. Summersfield, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Wilson, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Pilsna, Italian str., 4,829 tons, Capt. Cosulich, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Dodwell & Co.

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Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain R. H. Fairley, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Sunday, July 12.  
Talyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Captain R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Tango Maru, Japanese str., 4,238 tons, Captain M. Uchino, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

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### STOWAWAYS.

#### Thorough Search at Australian Ports.

Things are so very bad in Australia at the present time that every ship has to be carefully searched for stowaways before she leaves one of their ports. This search is as thorough as it can well be, without resorting to the smoking out process that was used during the American Civil War, but the case of a ship coming from Australia, as revealed in a London Police Court, shows that nothing short of suffocation can be quite effective. She was duly searched when she left Sydney and six stowaways were discovered, but two days out two more appeared, and as the ship already had a full crew and there was no work for them to do, they cost the company £18 a head to bring to Britain.

The means adopted by these stowaways to conceal themselves show how desperate the situation is. One, a seaman who had deserted his ship in Australia some years ago, encased his whole body with newspapers and then buried himself in coal in the bunkers up to his neck. His head he concealed from notice with an old coat and for two days he must have been in agony with the weight of coal. The other man got underneath one of the boilers and stood the torture of the tremendous heat for a considerable time before he finally revealed himself. Three weeks' hard labour for each of them completes the story; the owners of the ship remain with the loss of their keep.

### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on July 10 (Fri.) at 5 p.m., left Yokohama on July 11 (Sat.) at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on July 20 (Mon.). She leaves Vancouver for Hong Kong via ports on August 1 (Sat.).

The Ben Line s.s. Benary from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on July 18.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Manila on July 12 (Sun.) at 8 a.m., leaves Manila on July 13 (Mon.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on July 15 (Wed.) at 6 a.m., proceeding direct to Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock for dry-docking and painting. She berths at Kowloon Wharf at about 10 a.m. on July 16 (Thurs.), and leaves Hong Kong on July 18 (Sat.) at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana left Singapore for this port on July 12 at 7 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on July 16 at about 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe, Shimidzu, Yokohama and Honolulu at 6 a.m. on July 18 (Saturday).

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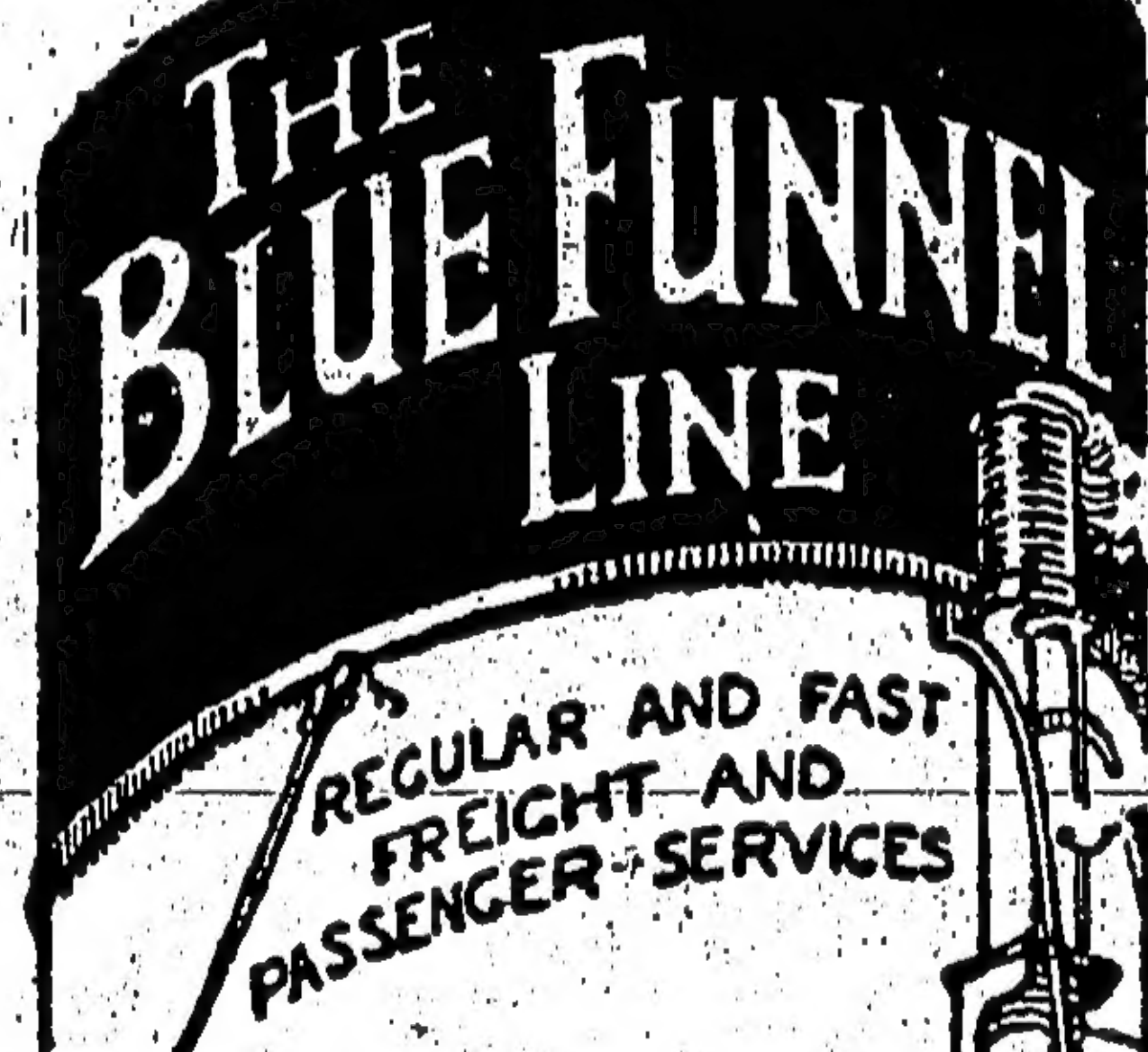
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Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	—	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	—	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	—	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	—	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	—	Nov. 9
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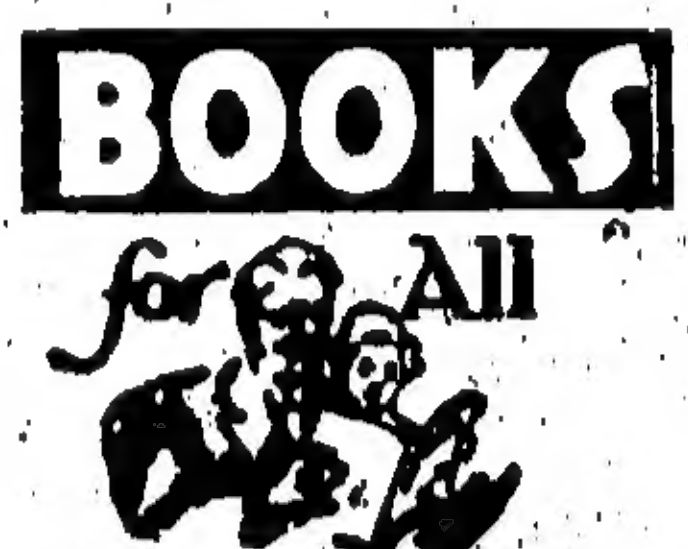
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Zora Agha, Europe's oldest man,  
has had his attention drawn to  
the fact that he has a Chinese  
rival. The town of Kaishan, in  
Szechwan Province, boasts of a  
super-patriarch believed to be 252  
years of age and there are local  
university authorities, who main-  
tain the authenticity of the claim.  
The assertion (writes a repre-  
sentative of the London Daily  
Telegraph) is that Li Ching-yen,  
the patriarch in question, is twice  
mentioned in the dynastic records  
of the nation. They order these  
things better in China, as a rule,  
and they are strong on documents.  
But Zora is equal to challenge, as  
you shall hear.The Turkish centenarian-and-a-  
half hearkened patiently while the  
details of this Oriental upstart  
were read over to him by the in-  
terpreter, Mr. Redvan. At the  
end of the recital Zora shook his  
venerable head with vigour.  
"I find this very hard to believe,"  
he said, with hearty emphasis.  
"If there's an old man like that in  
China, why don't they produce  
him? Surely if this were true  
there would be doctors visiting him  
from everywhere, as they did, no,  
long before I started on my travels.Always the Same.  
"In America the medical men  
tapped and tested me all over—  
heart and lungs and muscles and  
the rest—and they couldn't find  
anything wrong. It's always been  
the same, and I've been the oldest  
man in Turkey as long as other  
people remember."He talks vivaciously in a big  
booming voice, and the extent to  
which he opens his capacious  
mouth would almost persuade one  
that he had studied voice produc-  
tion."Has the Chinaman got any  
papers?" was his next query.  
"Here are mine," and from the  
depths of somewhere a document  
was unfolded and laid bare. It  
purports to be a birth certificate  
of a retrospective character, drafted  
on the authority of the Turkish  
Government."Besides," he went on, "do the  
Chinese have the same sort of  
reckoning as we do? I always  
thought people in the Far East had  
their own ways of reckoning, and  
perhaps the Chinese year is shorter  
than ours.""Who want to live in  
China, anyway?" he asked, with a  
boisterous laugh. He usually at-  
tributes his longevity to a cheery  
disposition, and here it found full  
scope. He seemed to think, with  
Tennyson, that 150 years of Tur-  
key were better than a cycle of  
Cathay.Vegetable Diet.  
Zora then asked if anything  
were known about the old Chi-  
nese mode of life. He was in-  
formed that Li chiefly lived on a  
herb of almost magical properties  
discovered years ago in the course  
of his researches as a druggist.  
"Yes," he said, "I believe in a  
vegetarian diet, but it doesn't suit  
everybody. I hardly ever knew  
the taste of flesh meat until I was  
grown up—a hundred or so," and  
he waved his long brown fingers  
with the air of a Chancellor ac-  
customed to handling millions.  
Then came the delicate question  
of sex; Zora used to be some-  
thing of a gallant, and is still a  
bit of family man. He asked if  
his Chinese rival had had any  
wives to speak of.He was told that Li had sur-  
vived twenty-three wives, as against  
his own eleven, and for the nonce  
he may have felt a mere amateur.  
Nevertheless, he bravely shook his  
head, and crossed one spatted foot  
over the other as he lay back in  
upholstery.It almost seemed as if he were  
going to minimise the troubles of  
matrimony in China as compared  
with those of Turkey. But he  
sought refuge in his documentary  
attestations, and fired off direc-  
tions of incommunicable import to  
his manager, Mr. Eddie Oulens.  
There will be some rummaging of  
records in the Szechwan Province,  
you may depend.Till Allah Calls.  
The hero of half-a-dozen cam-  
paigns and a hundred fights—be-  
sides odd ones—is an expert on  
war. "They tell me England had  
a big share in the last war," he  
said. "Did you have any fighting  
out here? Just as well. You've  
heard about my fighting against  
Napoleon, in Syria, I suppose?"  
That campaign keeps cropping  
up in Zora's talk just as King  
Charles's head used to do in the  
conversation of Mr. Dick.To the parting question how  
much longer he expected to live,  
the ancient answered: "I can't  
say. The doctors all tell me I'm  
as sound as ever I was, and I be-  
lieve they're right. I've been  
more vigorous in my time, but I've  
never felt better. I suppose I  
shall go on like this until Allah  
sends for me."BRITISH ARCTIC  
EXPEDITION.To Aid Weather  
Prediction.

## ITS OBJECTS AND HAZARDS.

A great deal of publicity (writes  
a correspondent) has been given to  
the British Arctic Air Route Ex-  
pedition during the last few weeks,  
owing to the initial failure of a  
relief party in locating the ob-  
server's camp on the ice cap of  
Greenland, and the consequent  
anxiety for Mr. Augustine Court-  
aud's safety.The difficulties which attended  
efforts to send assistance, and final-  
ly the successful flight of Captain  
Ahrenberg from Sweden to Green-  
land, organised and accomplished  
within a few days of the time when  
the help of the Swedish Aerofrans-  
port Company was first sought,  
make a vivid appeal to the im-  
agination. At the same time  
there is a natural feeling of ad-  
miration for the fortitude and  
hardihood exhibited by Mr. Court-  
aud in the self-appointed and  
hazardous task.It is to be hoped, however, that  
the serious purpose of the venture  
will not be overlooked, and that  
it will be recalled that this young  
man did not expose himself to the risk  
of destruction and the certainty of  
enduring those mental and physical  
discomforts, which a lonely vigil  
through a long Arctic winter must  
entail, merely for the love of ad-  
venture. Nor should it be said  
that this risk was unjustifiable,  
without due consideration of the  
facts. No step was taken without  
careful weighing of the chances as  
against the worth of the results  
which were hoped for.The chief object of the expedition  
was to obtain accurate knowledge of  
winter conditions on the great ice  
plateau which is the interior of  
Greenland, hitherto unknown, and  
only to be made known by personal  
observation. Such knowledge must  
be of real and practical value.Justifiable Risks.  
In the first place, it would decide  
the question whether it is possible  
to establish a landing place for aero-  
planes available at all seasons, thus  
making practicable an air service  
between Canada and Great Britain,  
and bringing Winnipeg within three  
days of London—a project of the  
highest importance to both coun-  
tries.In the second place, it would  
mark a very definite step forward  
in the study of the science of  
meteorology. Professor Einstein  
and other searchers in this field tell  
us that Greenland is the birthplace  
of atmospheric disturbances, and it  
must be obvious that facts concern-  
ing the weather in the place where  
the weather comes from, cannot fail  
to help those who make forecasts,  
and may indeed assist in preserving  
human life and property.The facts are known to many, and  
could obviously be elaborated but  
this shortly stated, may possibly  
convince others that any risks  
taken were justifiable, and that Mr.  
Watkins and the members of his  
party deserve well of the com-  
munity. It was found impossible  
to leave more than one man at the  
advanced post in the circumstances,  
although the intention had been to  
provide for two, to be relieved at  
intervals. Unless some member  
had volunteered to remain alone the  
year would have been lost and the  
expedition forced to return without  
tangible results.An undertaking, financed as this  
was by private subscription, hav-  
ing once failed, is not easy to repeat.  
It may, although equally arduous,  
have lacked the spectacular appeal  
of a dash to the Pole or an attempt  
on Mount Everest, but it will have  
added something to the sum of  
human knowledge and justified the  
facing of hazards inseparable from  
such endeavours.

## LIFE IN RUSSIA.

Jewish Visitor's "List  
of Prices."The prohibitive cost of foodstuffs  
in Soviet Russia was mentioned at  
the annual conference of the  
Federation of Jewish Relief Or-  
ganisations held in London.Mr. S. Koldofsky, who went on a  
mission to Russia on behalf of the  
Federation to ascertain the position  
of Jews there and who has just re-  
turned, said that food was scarce.  
"Milk, butter, cheese, and meat  
are hard to get," he said, "and the  
cost is prohibitive. Even sufficient  
bread is not obtainable. Bread, like  
other foodstuffs, is only sold to  
those who have bread cards, and  
not issued to all citizens alike. De-  
classed people, artisans working on  
their own, tailors, shoemakers,  
watchmakers, &c., get no cards at  
all."These are some of the prices paid  
in Moscow quoted by Mr. Koldofsky:  
Milk 1s. 6d. a pint, butter 25s. per  
pound, eggs 1s. 6d. each, and or-  
anges (if obtainable) 4s. each.  
"Lemons cannot be obtained for  
love or money," said Mr. Koldofsky,  
"and the same applies to coffee."

## HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

		July 2, June, June,		
		1931. 1918. 1914.		
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Butcher Meat.				
Beef	Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33 24 12
	Prime Cut	牛尾	"	30 28 11
	Corned	牛尾	"	28 28 12
	Roast	牛尾	"	33 24 22
	Breast	牛尾	"	30 20 18
	Soup	牛尾	"	27 20 18
	Steak	牛尾	"	33 24 22
	Steak Sirloin	牛尾	"	46 30 35
	Sausages	牛尾	"	86 26 20
Butcher's	Brains	牛尾	per set	17 10 12
	Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75 50 60
	Tongue, corned	牛尾	"	60 — —
	Heart	牛尾	lb.	24 18 14
	Hump, Salt	牛尾	"	20 18 —
	Feet	牛尾	each	12 10 12
	Kidneys	牛尾	"	15 10 12
	Tail	牛尾	"	27 20 22
	Liver	牛尾	lb.	24 18 14
	Tripe	牛尾	"	8 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	每斤	set	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	牛尾	lb.	44	26 —
"	Leg	牛尾	"	44 26 —
"	Shoulder	牛尾	"	40 24 —
"	Saddle	牛尾	"	44 — —
Pig's Chittlings	猪	每斤	set	3 — —
	Brains	猪	Per set	8 — —
	Feet	猪	lb.	16 15 —
	Fry	猪	"	28 15 18
	Head	猪	"	18 20 —
	Heart	猪	each	15 10 10
	Kidneys	猪	"	15 10 8
	Liver	猪	lb.	48 30 24
Pork Chop	猪	每斤	set	36 25 23
"	Leg	猪	"	38 — —
"	Loin	猪	"	44 60 70
"	Fat or Lard	猪	"	26 21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	每斤	set	60 60 70
	Heart	羊	each	12 8 7
	Kidneys	羊	"	15 12 10
	Liver	羊	"	45 28 25
Sucking Pig, to order	猪	每斤	set	25 25 72
Suet, Beef	牛	每斤	set	80 20 18
"	Mutton	牛	"	86 26 25
Veal	牛	每斤	set	22 20 20
"	Sausages	牛	"	28 — —
"	No. 1.	牛	"	82 — —

Fish.					
Barbel	魚	lb.	52	16	24
Bream	魚	"	34	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	魚	"	34	—	—
Carp	魚	"	35	13	16
Catfish	魚	"	40	16	27
Codfish	魚	"	38	12	9
Crabs	魚	"	46	18	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	27	23	26
Dab	魚	"	26	16	27
Dace	魚	"	48	23	16
Dog Fish	魚	"	22	10	—
Eels, Conger	魚	"	45	10	8
Flat Water	魚	"	44	16	—
Yellow	魚	"	42	10	8
Fry	魚	"	78	26	30
Grouper	魚	"	85	32	25
Gudgeon	魚	"	30	40	30
Herrings	魚	"	32	22	18
Halibut	魚	"	35	13	33
Labrus	魚	"	40	18	15
Loach	魚	"	76	32	24
Lobsters	魚	"	62	62	24
Mackerel	魚	"	44	32	21
Monk Fish	魚	"	42	20	20
Mullet	魚	"	42	13	2
Oysters	魚	"	36	12	2
Perrot Fish	魚	"	30	14	9
Porch	魚	"	28	30	15
Pike	魚	"	46	16	9
Plaice	魚	"	46	38	29
Pomfret, White	魚	"	48	36	30
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	38	36	45
Prawns	魚	"	70	10	14
Ray	魚	"	26	10	14
Rock Fish	魚	"	33	22	10
Roe	魚	"	50	86	80
Salmon	魚	"	21	8	10
Shark	魚	"	21	10	10
Skate	魚	"	54	33	80
Shrimps	魚	"	45	25	28
Sole	魚	"	42	22	28
Tench	魚	"	34	26	85
Turbot	魚	"	34	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	"	120	40	—

		July 2, June, June,			
		1931. 1918. 1914.			
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
<b>Poultry.</b>					
Chicken	雞	lb.	64	30	31
Capon, Small	雞	lb.	62	23	30
Capon, Large	雞	lb.	66	23	30
Duck	鴨	lb.	45	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	50	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	33	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	per doz.	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	76	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	60	35	24
Geese	鴨	lb.	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	42	30	—
" Hollow	鴿	each	33	28	—
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	60	61	45
Snipe	鴉	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	鴉	each	30	—	—
Quail	鴉	pair	3.50	—	—
Partridges	鴉	each	—	—	—



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### LEAGUE OF NATIONS "FUNK."

What Its Supporters  
Should Forget.

SHELLING OF CORFU.

"A single shot fired at Sarajevo involved us in a Continental war, because there was no League of Nations to stop it. A bombardment at Corfu had no such result. Because there was a League of Nations."

Thus the News Chronicle, in its anxiety to press home its campaign on behalf of Geneva. Propaganda should be made of sterner stuff than this, comments a "Londoner" in the Evening Standard Diary. If there is one achievement on which the League cannot pride itself, it is its behaviour at the time of the Corfu incident. Let me recall the facts.

An Italian general on the Albanian Frontier Commission had been murdered. Assuming that the murderer was a Greek. Italy bombarded Corfu and shelled an orphanage in the process.

Here was a flagrant breach of the Covenant. Here was a clear case for the intervention of the League.

By a happy coincidence the Assembly of the League was at the moment in full session. True it is that Lord Curzon, smitten by phlebitis, was then on his way from Orleans to Kedgeston, and that, struck down by illness, Sir Eyre Crowe had handed over the reins of the Foreign Office to Sir William Tyrrell.

But there were stars in plenty in Geneva. Lord Cecil was there in all his glory. Among the smaller nations sympathy was unanimously on the side of Greece.

Did the League act? It did not. Its feet were frozen. It fumbled the issue, leaving the decision to the Ambassadors' Conference. And these representatives of the old diplomacy saved Europe from war by fining Greece £500,000.

It is not a pretty story. If I were a pundit per cent. League supporter I should like to forget Corfu.

### POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

ONLY ROUTINE WORK.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D.-C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

General.  
Revolver Practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Wednesday at 5 p.m. It will be open to all members of the Flying Squad, Hong Kong and Kowloon Sections, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

Training Course.—Part II. The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central, will be held as usual to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend.

Indian Company.  
Leave.—Constable R208. Ajit Singh has been granted 15 months' leave of absence from the Colony, as from June 30.

Flying Squad.  
Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Wednesday at 5 p.m. All members

### TIE IN OPEN GOLF TITLE.

Alliss Redeems a  
Dismal Failure.

POOR BRITISH GAME.

Toronto, Saturday.  
Percy Alliss, the British player, and Walter Hagen, the American, tied for the Canadian Open Golf title at Toronto to-day, each returning an aggregate of 282. They will play off a deciding match to-morrow (Tuesday).

Holding a four-yarder on the home green, Alliss just redeemed British golf from its dismal

### OCCASIONAL RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

The depression has moved to S.W. Japan, leaving a separate depression over Tongking.

Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy; occasional rain.

### Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.57 inch. Total since January 1—41.06 inches against an average of 43.75 inches—deficit 2.69 inches.

### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	83
Macao	81
Pratas Island	81
Manila	77
Foochow	83
Chefoo	65
Shanghai	70

failures. Alliss went round the course in the following scores:—67-71-73-71, and Hagen returned 68-68-72-74.

Joe Farrell and Ed. Dudley each had scores of 283, Mortiedra 284, and Armour 286.

The only Britons to finish, apart from Alliss, were Aubrey Boomer 292, Syd. Easterbrook 293, Leslie Cotton 300, and Archie Compton 302.—Reuter.

### MRS. ADAMSON.

Passes Away at  
Weybridge.

News reached the Colony on Saturday of the death, at the age of 69 years, of Mrs. Alice Adamson, a former resident of Hong Kong. She passed away on May 30 at "Ardmore," Godolphin Road, Weybridge, England.

The deceased lady was the wife of Mr. William Adamson, a former principal of the local firm of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., who retired in 1923 after a number of years' residence here.

Much sympathy of a large circle of local friends will go out to Mr. Adamson and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

Of the Flying Squad, Hong Kong and Kowloon Sections, who have not passed Part III. this year should attend without fail.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

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### KILLED FOR EXPOSING VICE.

Gunmen's Revenge on  
Their Enemies.

FILM FOLK VICTIMISED.

Large sums of money have been extorted from leading Hollywood film players and producers by a Chicago gang who have threatened kidnapping and violence if their demands were not met.

This was revealed as the result of investigation into the murders of Mr. Charles Crawford, a Los Angeles political leader, and Mr. Herbert Spencer, assistant editor of "Critic of Critics," a local magazine, who were killed as they sat in Mr. Crawford's office discussing a series of articles on gambling.

Men said to be associated with Al Capone have been terrorising picture celebrities into paying many thousands of dollars for protection.

Threats of outrage have brought victims into their net, and the fear of reprisals have prevented them from denouncing the men.

Mr. Spencer is believed to have been murdered because he was collecting material for articles exposing this extortion. He had received threatening messages, and in a recent issue of his magazine he published a warning to those who might make an attempt on his life that evidence preserved in a strong box in a bank would be given to the authorities in the event of his death.

Gangs have extorted money from the theatrical profession, only recently they turned envious eyes to Hollywood's large fortunes.

It was denied that the police guard at Pickfair, the residence of Douglas Fairbanks and Miss Mary Pickford, had anything to do with threats from this source.

### PONY BANDITS.

10 Miles an Hour Escape  
After Raid.

A pony and trap capable of jogging along at eight to ten miles an hour was used by smash-and-grab "bandits" in a raid at High Street, Clapham, recently.

The trap drove up to a shop, a man jumped down, smashed the window and struggled back to the trap with a cabinet gramophone. The trap drove off towards Brixton.

More than 60 car bandits have been caught by the Flying Squad this year. Fast motor-cars are marked vehicles after a raid in the early hour of the morning.

### A TIP FROM LONDON

Moving Stairways in  
N.Y. Skyscrapers.

Moving stairways like those on the chief stations of the London Underground will supplement lifts in handling the rush-hour crowds in two new skyscraper office buildings now under construction at New York.

Their installation was decided upon after surveys had shown that escalators would relieve the inter-floor congestion during the rush-hours in such buildings, where thousands of people work under the same roof.

## AMUSEMENTS

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